

Steel Wheel

Lorain Rotary Club

Greetings fellow Rotarians,



It's out with the old and in with the new. Welcome 2025. I anticipate it will be a year full of opportunities for us to impact our community and beyond by living out the Rotary moto of service above self.

If you've ever wondered the how and why of the origins of the New Years celebration, here you go. The ancient Babylonians were among the first to celebrate New Years. However, it wasn't on January 1st, but rather in late March to coincide with the vernal equinox. January 1st became recognized as the start of the new year when Julius Caesar introduced the Julian calendar. The Times Square ball drop began in 1907 as a replacement for fireworks. In Italy, wearing red underwear on New Years Eve is considered a lucky charm for the upcoming year. One of the more unique traditions happens in Ecuador. People make effigies representing the past year. This would include politicians, celebrities or of personal grievances. These are then burned at midnight which symbolizes casting away the old to make way for the new.



One meeting note for January. We will not meet on Thursday January 2nd. Our only in person meeting in January will be on the 16th. This will be our annual Club meeting where we will have nominations for next year's President, hopefully a President elect for the 2026-27 Rotary year, the Executive positions and 3 Board positions. Please make every effort to be there. We have a 5th Thursday coming up on January 30th. The event will be in a very unique space as we'll gather in "The Dungeon" at Brass and Foundry Bar in downtown Lorain. Not to be missed and a great way to introduce perspective members to Rotary.

I wish all of you a splendid New Years Eve & New Years Day celebration. I look forward to seeing everyone on the 16th at the United Way offices for our first meeting of 2025!

Yours in Rotary,

Dan Beeman

Lorain Rotary President '24 - '25

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Rotarian Assignments

Sergeant-At-Arms

January

Stephanie Alexander-
Johnson

Mary Beattie

February

Fred Kerestury

Michelle Riley

January Speakers

January 2nd—NO MEETING

January 16th—Prucha Fund
Recipient organization Feed My
Lambs Inc by Terra Mostek

Greeters

January 2nd : no meeting

January 16th : Dan Beeman



Upcoming Speaker assignments

February 6th : Andrew Bone

February 20th : Lissi Greeneisen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

January 1st - Dina Ferrer

January 8th—Beth Gantz

January 18th—Denise Nail

Anniversaries

Phil Dore '24
(as honorary)



December minutes (unapproved)

Lorain Rotary Board minutes

AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS UPON REQUEST

December in pictures—Rotary on the road at Lissi's studio & Salvation Army bell ringing



Top Row—Left : Gloria, Ron, Martin, Palma. Middle : Andy, Dina, Lissi, Dan. Right : Michelle

Bell Ringers : Fred & Dan, Palma & Mary, Dina, Melva & Denise, Anthony & Tony, Ron & Danielle, & Sarah