

Steel Wheel

Lorain Rotary Club

Dear Rotarians,



Rotary's theme for April is Maternal and Child Health so it is fitting that Lorain Rotary recently supported two efforts with the St. Mary's Club as they applied for a Rotary Foundation Global Grant. One project is in Chiriqui, Panama collaborating with the Rotary Club of Boquete to provide training and supplies for mid-wives that help the villages where women have very little health care and a high infant mortality rate. These women are amongst the most impoverished, yet least medically served. The second project is the eradication of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes in Puerto Rico. These mosquitoes are known to spread the



chikungunya, Zika or yellow fever viruses.

It is through the efforts of many caring Rotary Clubs along with the Rotary Foundation that we can make a difference in the world. Thank you Liz Tepper for bringing this to our attention.



Rotary District 6600 sent all 64 clubs a 10 x 10 tent to use at any of our outings and to offer it to non-profits to use in the community. The Rotary Club of Lorain is printed on the blue canvas. This will give us visibility and provide a service to the community. We are planning to use the 5th Thursday in April from 5 - 7 p.m. to come together at Spectrum Vocational Center to assemble the tent, take pictures and socialize with light appetizers. Lori Maiorana will be taking reservations for this event.



Our Lorain Rotary College Scholarship applications are now available thanks to Committee Chairperson Elaine Georgas.

As a service project, on April 17, Main Street Lorain will be doing a "Mini Sweep" in downtown Lorain from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. starting at 7th and Broadway. Rotary can bring their brooms, gloves, and garbage bags to help spruce up the area.

Thank you for all you do for others, the city, the world . .

Respectfully, Dina Ferrer, , President

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Rotarian Assignments

Sergeant-At-Arms

April—virtual

May

TBA

April meeting info

April 1st—Monique Hammond, author of “What Did you say? An Unexpected Journey into the World of Hearing Loss”

April 15th—Erika Ventura and other library staff members will share current library programs and services

April 29th—5th Thursday even, see Dina’s letter

Greeters

April –virtual

May

TBA



Upcoming Speaker assignments

April 1st—Denise Nail

April 15th—Erika Ventura

April 29th—5th Thursday social event

May 6th—IN PERSON MEETING!!

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

April 4th –Christy Reed

April 7th Jack Bradley & Betsey Kamm

April 10th—Homer Virden

April 14th—Justin Paige

April 16th—Susan Spivey

April 17th—Lily Yuzon

April 21st—Michelle Pullin

May 15th—Liz Tepper

May 28th—Tim Carrion

Anniversaries

Betsey Kamm April 2012

Charles Howard 2017

Rob Levit 1987



Board of Director's Minutes (unapproved)

March 11, 2021

Attendance Dina Ferrer, John Morrison, Ron Mantini, Denise Nail, Dan Beeman, Michelle Pullin, Betsey Kamm, Liz Tepper, Sarah Smith, Lori Maiorana,

Call to Order The meeting was called to order by Dina Ferrer at 11:06 am.

Approval of Minutes A motion was made to approve the minutes was made by Ron and seconded by John – motion carried.

Communication

Dina communicated a thank you from Hears of Patriots, a request form the Boys & Girls club for videos about occupations, and that our tent arrived. She also said Tony Gallo from the chamber sent an email that North Coast Design & Build is looking for letters of support in regards to a building in Riverbend Industrial Park. Dina also provided several ideas from the recent One Rotary Summit such as : continuing 50/50&happy dollars, fireside chats, asking presents to become members or to volunteer with us.

Treasurer's Report

Current Balance: \$24,647.28

Checking: \$14,110.75

CD: \$10,536.53

Denise reported that the audit had no findings and the fundraisers this year have netted over \$5,300.

A motion was made by Lori and seconded by Ron to approve the treasurer's report, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Club Service 1 – The board decided to resume in person meetings in May, continuing with every other week. The May 6th meeting will also be our live drawing of the Mothers Day Fundraiser winner and the 4 way speech contest results.

Club Fellowship – Lori is planning a 5th Thursday event in April at a local park to do a trial run of putting the tent up. Location TBA.

Programs – Lynn Rebman has assigned speaker duties for the rest of the Rotary year.

Club Service2 – Ron Mantini, no report. Dina reported that our zone is in 4th place of all 14 districts, only losing 54 members this Rotary year.

By laws: John Morrison, no report

Attendance – Sandy Kaiser reported via email during the meeting that February's attendance was 34%

Community Service – Nicara Garcia, not present. Dina provide an updated Valor Home wish list. Ron made a motion to donate \$50 toe Rotary float I the Rose Bowl Parade, seconded by Betsey, motion approved.

Fundraising – Michelle Pullin reported that the tickets for the Mothers Day Fundraiser were just picked up. Denise will pick them up and people can get them from her office. Michelle to send an email letting members know. Any not picked up by Monday the 22nd will be mailed out. The fundraising committee will meet this month again to further discuss trivia.

Vocational Service – Betsey Kamm is assisting with the speech contest, see below

Youth Service –Sarah Smith, Dina & Betsey provided a copy of their handout with purpose, eligibility, rules, judging and prizes. Students will submit videos to compete. Scoring will be based on Delivery, organization/content and originality.

International Service – Liz Tepper reported that Deb Cheney is looking for clubs to partner with 2 projects : helping midwives in Panama or helping with insect control in Puerto Rico. Ron made a motion and Liz seconded to send \$500 to each project. Motion approved.

Old Business – dog park, Valor Home Project, Butterfly Garden

New Business – Board will send a fruit basket to Tom as he is recovering from surgery still. Ron came across an old Rotary sign being thrown out and he picked it up for us.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dina and seconded by Dan – Motion Carried

Meeting Adjourned at 12:10pm



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<http://lorainrotary.org>



Lorain Rotary Club Memorial Scholarship

The Lorain Rotary Club is offering post-secondary scholarships for full-time students whose permanent residence is in the City of Lorain or graduates of a high school in the City of Lorain. College students at the sophomore, junior, or senior level are eligible to apply. In addition to financial need, awards are based upon student initiative as evidenced by the student's personal contribution toward college expenses, volunteerism, and extracurricular activities. Academic achievement is of secondary importance.

An application may be obtained by emailing lorainrotary@gmail.com

Completed application, postmarked by the Third Friday of May this year, should be returned to:

Lorain Rotary Memorial Scholarship Fund
P.O. Box 581
Lorain, OH 44052

<http://www.lorainrotary.org/lorain-rotary-scholarship-application-form.php>