

Steel Wheel

Lorain Rotary Club

Greetings Lorain Rotarians,

It's August. Time sure does fly. I'm sure we've all said this at some point. I saw an editorial the other day and the writer, an attorney who deals with estate matters, shared how when she was twelve, her father who was 37 at the time, shared this sentiment with her. It wasn't until several years later that she recognized that her father was much smarter than she thought at the time. And it's true. I'm not sure when it hits us but a certain stage of life it does feel like the days, weeks and years fly by.

One final thought on the passage of time. Our annual Trivia fund raiser is only 3 months away. It will take place Friday, November 1st at Germans in Vermilion. It's a lot of fun but also a lot of work. We have a solid group year to year that helps with the planning, questions, etc. but there is always room for more. Soon you'll be receiving your tickets for the event. Please consider using these to invite family, friends, co-workers or anyone you might think would be interested in a fun night out which benefits our community and beyond. We'll also be asking you to provide either items or money toward items that can be used in the silent auction portion of the event. In addition, we can certainly use your help that night in making sure the event runs as smoothly as possible.

In this month's Rotary Magazine, our new RI President, Stephanie Urchick's President's message focuses on the Rotary Action Plan and how challenges can lead to opportunities. Further along in the magazine, there is an advertisement for Celebrate Community Week. It is slated to be a collaboration between various service organizations, Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions and Optimist International, on service projects. You can find out more at the Celebrate Community 2024 Facebook page.

Finally, I'd like to remind you that we are meeting in person and on the road on August 1st. Our second August in person meeting location is still to be determined. As usual, be watching for an email update with this information. The last Thursday of August will be the 5th Thursday. We are planning a social get together at Bascule Brewery and Public House on Colorado Ave. in Lorain. These events provide an opportunity to meet other members in a casual and hopefully fun atmosphere. It's also a low key way to introduce someone to Rotary. Please make plans to join us. Well time's flown so until next month...

Yours in Rotary, Dan Beeman

Lorain Rotary Club President 2024-2025



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Rotarian Assignments

Sergeant-At-Arms

August
Rebecca Jones
Rob Levit

September

Daneille Coward
Liz Tepper

August Speakers

8/1—Tammy Genovese from Ohio MENTOR will present at the meeting to be held at the Church of the Open Door location at 1121 Tower Blvd (aka the old YMCA)

8/15—Rotary on the Road the Lorain Senior Center (3361 Garfield Blvd)

Greeters

August 1st : Andrew Bone

August 15th : Leslie Greeneisen

September 5th : Beth Gantz

September 19th : Amanda Perez



Upcoming Speaker assignments

9/5 Fred Kerestury has invited Alicia Foss from Neighborhood Alliance

9/19 Chris Pataky

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Palma Stipe 8/5
Herb de la Porte 8/16
Dan Beeman 8/20
Jim Gross & Ron Mantini
8/22
Chris Pataky 8/27
John Morrison 8/29
Amanda Perez 8/30

Anniversaries

Fred Kerestury '23
Michelle Pullin '10



Board of Directors Minutes (unapproved)

AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS UPON REQUEST



Service Above Self



Grants in the amount of \$6,970 were made to the following seven non-profits:

Lorain Public Library – \$500 for the purchase of books and \$500 for “Freege” supplies

Lorain Community Seniors – \$2,500 for an ADA compliant external door.

Lorain Lighthouse Foundation – \$840 for a refrigerator and an overhead lift.

Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry – \$1,000 to support the Guardian Services Emergency Ward Fund which provides basic needs (medication, shoes, hygiene products, etc.) for vulnerable seniors under guardianship.

Life, A Dementia Friendly Foundation – \$630 for a laser printer & 4 cartridges.

Lorain County Office on Aging - \$1,000 for their food pantry



Shown above : several Prucha recipients with President Dan and Prucha Committee Leader Ron Mantini

Show to left : President Dan and Scholarship Committee Leader Elaine Georgas with 3 of this year's scholarship winners/representatives.