

Steel Wheel

Lorain Rotary Club

Dear Lorain Rotarians,

You may have heard someone in Rotary speak about "MESA bike riders" coming through Lorain and wondered what that is. If you are newer to Rotary you may not yet be familiar with this project so here's more about it and how you can get involved.

MESA stands for "Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad." It is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that was formed in 1981 by the Rotary Clubs of Northwest Ohio District 6600. MESA collects and sends medical and educational materials around the world. They do this by collecting second-hand, surplus medical equipment in the United States. This equipment is often state of the art and still very usable in other countries. Millions of dollars' worth of materials are collected, sorted, stored and shipped to where they are needed. There are two MESA warehouses in the United States, one of which is a 23,000-ft² warehouse in Fostoria, Ohio. The project fills shipping containers, which are transported to a port for distribution by a local Rotary Club. With international partners, MESA is also opening Resource Centers in pre- and primary schools in Belize and Jamaica. Containers are loaded with educational equipment and sent to the District/Province for final distribution to schools.

MESA fundraising includes a bike tour which is coming up soon. Riders pledge to raise or donate \$50 per day that they ride. This year the MESA Tour Coordinator is Kurt Anderson from the Elyria Sunrise Rotary Club.

You can register to participate in a leg of the tour or more at: https://rotarydistrict6600.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023_Rider_Registration_MESA_Bike_Tour.pdf
The dates, routes and stops will be:

Saturday, June 24: Sandusky (overnight/breakfast), Port Clinton (mid-morning rest stop), Oak Harbor (lunch), Fremont (dinner/overnight);

Sunday, June 25: Fremont (breakfast/brunch—noon departure), Bellevue (mid-afternoon rest stop), Milan, (rest stop), Norwalk (dinner/overnight);

Monday, June 26: Norwalk (breakfast), Ashland (lunch), Oberlin (dinner/overnight);

Tuesday, June 27: Oberlin (breakfast), Elyria/Elyria Sunrise (mid-morning rest stop), North Coast (lunch), Lorain (dinner/overnight);

Wednesday, June 28: Lorain (breakfast), Amherst (mid-morning rest stop), Vermilion (lunch), Huron (mid-afternoon rest stop), Sandusky (end, no formal event)

You can also support this effort by donating directly. More information is available at: <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/mesa-tour/>

Yours in Rotary fellowship,

Betsey Kamm

Lorain Rotary Club President 2022-2023



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Rotarian Assignments

Sergeant-At-Arms

May
Dan Beeman
Sarah Smith

June
Rebecca Johnson
Jessicka Castro

January Speakers

May 4th—Jim Ziemnik of Lorain County Metroparks will talk about the new playground and fountain improvements that will be happening at Lakeview Park

May 18th - Catherine Mavrich and Kiara Williams from Lorain County Public Health will speak on improving the health of the Lorain community through education, prevention and action

Greeters

May 4th—Herb de la Porte

May 18th—Sandy Kaiser

June 1st—John Morrison

June 15th—Denise Nail



Upcoming Speaker assignments

June 1st—Rebecca Jones

June 15th—Liz Tepper

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

Liz Tepper—May 15th

Anniversaries

Charles Howard—May '07

Rob Levit—May '87



Board of Directors Minutes (unapproved)

AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS UPON REQUEST



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To left : 4 way speech contests with Dina

Below : March 5th Thursday Fellowship at Bleu & Brie Co

