

# Steel Wheel

## Lorain Rotary Club

Greetings Lorain Rotarians.



Before diving into this month’s letter I wanted to again thank everyone for the wonderful President’s party. I’m appreciative of the good food, beer and sentiments that were shared. It meant a lot to Tammy & I.

Now then. While I’m moving into the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of my presidency, Rotary International has a new President. Stephanie Urchik will lead RI during the ’24-’25 term. Her theme for this year is “The Magic of Rotary”. You can learn more about Stephanie in an informative article in June’s Rotary Magazine. Be forewarned. She is a big Pittsburgh sports fan. For our food connoisseurs, the last page of the magazine has an article on a sandwich that is synonymous with Pittsburgh.



I’m not sure if you were aware of this or not, but June 28<sup>th</sup> marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lorain tornado. A short story, published in the mailer from the Lorain County Commissioners, provides the details on this historic event which remains the deadliest tornado in Ohio history. On the subject of 100-year anniversaries. Did you know that the Lorain Rotary Club will be marking this milestone in 2026? We’ve started to discuss what the celebration will look like. Soon we’ll begin forming a committee to undertake the planning of the event. Once I have more information I’ll be sharing it with the Club.

One of our Club projects last year was to plant a couple of pollinator gardens. I recently saw the one on Parkway and the black-eyed Susan’s are gorgeous. We also planted one on the south side of Lakeview Park. I can’t wait to see the result. This month our first in person meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Hopefully we’ll be meeting our 3 new Lorain Rotarians at this meeting along with distributing monies to Prucha Fund and Scholarship recipients.

Have a safe and happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Yours in Rotary,

Dan Beeman

Lorain Rotary Club President 2024-2025

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## Rotarian Assignments

Sergeant-At-Arms	July Speakers	Greeters
July TBA	July 4th : no meeting  July 18th : Prucha fund and Rotary memorial scholarship recipients at the Untied Way	TBA
August TBA		



## Upcoming Speaker assignments

TBA

## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

July 24th – Elaine Georgas

July 28th—Andy Bone

### Anniversaries

Andy Bone '23

Danielle Coward '22

Jeff Graham '23

Rebecca Jones '22

Sarah Smith '17



**Board of Directors Minutes** (unapproved)

Lorain Rotary Board minutes

June 13, 2024, via Zoom

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Service Above Self





## LORAIN ROTARY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### **Scholarships for 2024 Total \$11,000**

The selection committee of the Lorain Rotary Club Memorial Fund met on June 12, 2024 to award scholarships for the coming school year. Each committee member reviewed all the applications and ranked every candidate based upon financial need, scholastic achievement, community involvement, and the student's own financial contribution toward their college expenses. The committee granted the following awards for the 2024-2025 academic year.

#### **\$3,000**

*Jason Buschur, Jr* – a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at Bowling Green State University, seeking a degree in Integrated Social Studies planning to work as a social studies educator.

*Jarimar Ruiz Day* – a 3<sup>rd</sup> year student at Ohio Dominican University, seeking a degree in Biology, planning to attend Physician Assistant school.

#### **\$1,500**

*Alanna Woodworth* - a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at University of Mount Union, seeking a degree in Psychology, planning to work in sports psychology.

*Leland Lamont* - a 2<sup>nd</sup> year student at Baldwin Wallace University, seeking a degree in Sports Management, planning to work as an Athletic Director.

*Jeremiah Simpson* – a graduate student at Cleveland State University, seeking a doctorate in Physical Therapy, planning to work in physical therapy.

#### **\$500**

*Kasia Babics* - a 4<sup>th</sup> year student at Lorain County Community College, seeking a degree in Universal Arts, planning to work as a physical therapist.

The investment that supports these scholarships has been created by the generous bequests of Lorain Rotarians, some club contributions generated by fund-raising events, and donations made in memory of members who have passed away. Anyone is welcome to make additional contributions to the Fund at any time. The market value of the Fund at the end of April, 2024 was \$238,013 which generated a distribution of more than \$11,010 for this year's awards.

Selecting the recipients consumes a significant amount of time, and the committee members must make some difficult decisions. We owe them our thanks for their diligence in fulfilling the tasks required in this process. Palma Stipe served as President this year and will be moving into an advisory role next year. Michelle Pullin will serve as President and Mary Beattie will assume Vice Presidency. Other committee members serving this year are Rob Levit, Danielle Coward, Rebecca Jones and Dan Beeman. We can all be proud of this program to help our students pursue higher education and enhance the future of our community.

Awardees and a guest are invited to attend the July 18<sup>th</sup> Rotary lunch meeting.

Submitted by Elaine Georgas, Scholarship Committee Secretary/Treasurer