

DAYBREAK ROTARIAN OF THE MONTH

JANUARY 2024 - DYLAN PARRY

Now that we're back to our normal schedule at ZCC, it is time to present our "Rotarian of the Month" award for January.

The intent of this award is to recognize a Rotarian who has exemplified Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self" through recent Club involvement.

As always, the winner will be featured in our Club newsletter and receive free breakfast for the month (for four weeks from when the award is given).

This month, the award is going to someone who has previously been involved in our Club at the highest level. They "paid their dues" and could have taken a step back, but they didn't. Instead, they stepped forward and once again demonstrated their leadership, selflessness, and dedication to our Club.

When I was informed that our 12 Days Before Christmas Committee Chair had work obligations that would limit his involvement with the Committee, I'll admit that I experienced a brief moment of panic. Not knowing where else to turn, I reached out to Past President, Dylan Parry. I explained the situation and asked if he could help. His response was short and reassuring. "We will get it taken care of." And that's exactly what he did. All I had to do was announce raffle winners. If not for Dylan, one of our biggest fundraisers may not have made it to the finish line. Instead, it was another success.

Oh, and did I mention that Dylan also manages our Venmo account and serves as an Assistant District Governor?

Needless to say, it is my honor to name Dylan as our first "Rotarian of the Month" for 2024. Congratulations!





2023-24 Rotary Theme "Create HOPE in the World"

Gordon R. McNally, Pres. Rotary International • David Uhl, Rotary District Governor • District 6690

Grant Stubbins, President Zanesville Daybreak

January 18, 2024

INVOCATION/GREETER

Thanks to Rusty Montgomery for providing the day's invocation and Laura Thompkins for being the greeter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You to Opal Wharton at Toys for Tots for sending a thank you letter for our donation of \$300 to help support their yearly program.

Off-Site Recap – Grant thanked the Program Committee and certain Club Members for helping facilitate our offsite meetings this month. We thank GP Singh for breakfast, AJ Patel for breakfast, Chris Steele for the venue at North Terrace and Ruth Ware for the venue at Primrose.

12 Days Recap –Randy Bankes informed the group that over \$17,000 in 12 Days Before Christmas fundraiser tickets this year. However, there were 34 Rotarians who did not sell any tickets unfortunately. Since this fundraiser and the roses fundraiser are our biggest ways to raise money, it is important for all to contribute to this work.

Volunteer Opportunity at Christ Table – Our Club will be volunteering at Christ/s Table the week of January 22-26, 2024, between 10:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. each day.

The Rotarian of the Month for January 2024 is Dylan Parry. Even after completing his year as president, he has kept up the same level of contributing to many activities and the fundraisers. Congrats Dylan!

PROGRAM

Keely Warden introduced fellow Rotarian April Gibson. April shared a great presentation about the Wreaths Across America initiative. For the last 12 years, April and her husband, Dr. John Gibson, have traveled to Washington DC to participate. The history of Wreaths Across America included being established in 2007. This takes place every third Sunday in December at Arlington Cemetery.

The first soldier was buried at Arlington about 155 years ago. At this time, there are over 270,000 tombstones. In addition to soldiers, those who died in captivity are eligible, and



so there are 10 German and 2 Italian soldiers who were POW in WWII. Only two presidents, Kennedy and Taft are buried at Arlington. At the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, originally there were 4 soldiers buried there, and now there are 3 because one has been identified. The Tomb is guarded 24/7 and was built in 1926. Arlington has 639 acres, but the cemetery is running out of spaces – there are about 85,000 spaces left. There are now new rules for being eligible to be buried there which include combat heroes, battle casualties, and a small number of dignitaries.

The Wreaths are paced at each person's tombstone. For those who volunteer, they can each place only two wreaths. When placing the wreath, the volunteer stands in front of the tombstone and says the soldier's name. The purpose of this is to keep the soldier's memory alive. April's biggest honor was placing a wreath at John Glenn's tombstone; she did this at the request of the Glenn family. She also placed a



NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY

❖ ORGANIZED BY THE WORCESTER FAMILY IN 2007

❖ AVERAGE OF 4200 COMMUNITIES LAY WREATHS

❖ ALL AGES, DEMOGRAPHICS & BACKGROUNDS PARTICIPATE

ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

- ❖ 1ST SOLDIER WAS BURIED 155 YEARS AGO
- ❖ TOTAL OF 400,000 VETERANS & ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS
- ❖ THERE ARE 270,000 TOMBSTONES



wreath at President Taft's tombstone, and that has a special meaning

for her as Taft is her maiden name.

There were about 30,000 volunteers who placed 150,000 wreaths in 2023. All wreaths were placed within two hours. Unfortunately, during the event in 2023, there were many protests and security threats. There were concerns for those of Jewish faith because of conflicts around the world. For soldiers who were Jewish, their tombstones have a Star of David and the volunteers can respect that by not placing a wreath there because the wreaths are usually associated with Christmas. April brings special stones and places one on top those tombstones.

If you want additional information about this tradition, you can visit wreaths-across-america.com. You can also download an app for the ANC Explorer App.

HAPPY BUCKET - Thanks to AJ Patel for passing the Happy Bucket.

SARGE - Angi York shared the "Two truths and a lie" featuring Julie MacLaine.

50/50

Gina Mathes won the 50/50 drawing.



REMEMBER, HONOR & TEACH



ANCIENT HISTORY "FACT OF THE DAY"

Grant shared that wreaths are used to decorate, to celebrate holidays, and to memorialize loved ones. Did you know the use of wreaths dates back to at least the 8th or 9th century BC? It is believed Pagans used wreaths as part of their solstice celebration as a symbol of perseverance through winter and hope for the coming spring. In ancient times, wreaths were made from different materials such as laurel, ivy, olive leaves, oak, wheat, vines, and flowers. Entruscan (ancient Italy), then Greek, and then Roman rulers and aristocrats wore wreath crowns as status symbols. Wreaths often had different meanings depending on what they were made of:

Laurel - love; Bay Laurel - military success
Oak - wisdom; Olive leaves - athletic feats;
Evergreen - growth and life; Holly - Jesus's crown of thorns

GREETERS

Please arrive by 7:00 a.m.

January 25..... No regular meeting
 February 1 Jamey Baker
 February 8..... Randy Bankes
 February 15..... Bruce Barclay
 February 22..... Melissa Best
 February 29..... No Regular Meeting

INVOCATION / MOMENT OF INSPIRATION

January 25..... No regular meeting
 February 1 Ed Mulholland
 February 8..... Amy Nestor
 February 15..... Paul Nestor
 February 22..... Jerry Nolder
 February 29..... No Regular Meeting

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

January 25..... No morning meeting
 February 1 Marci Moore-Dean @ Zane State / Intel Update
 February 8..... DG David Uhl - District 6690 Update
 February 15..... New Member Vocational Talks
 February 22..... Ryan Sheppard – Forever Dads
 February 29..... No regular meeting
 March 7thBorn and Angela Sianjina – The Matthew 712 Project
 March 14thSela York, TSgt, Air National Guard
 March 21stRusty Montgomery – Rose Sale

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NEIGHBORING CLUBS FOR MAKE-UP

Byesville

Stop Nine Senior Center
Tuesday 7:30 a.m.

Cambridge

Cambridge Country Club
Wednesday 12 noon

Coshocton

Coshocton Village Inn & Suites
Tuesday 12 noon

Granville

Granville Inn
Monday 12 noon

Lancaster

The Lodge in Lancaster
Monday 12 noon

Malta/McConnelsville

Chelos Pizzeria
Tuesday 12 noon

Marietta

Hotel Lafayette
Thursday 12 noon

Marietta-Morning

Marietta Country Club
Friday 7:00 a.m.

Newark

Double Tree by Hilton
Tuesday 12:00 noon

Newark-Heath

Mound Builder's Country Club
Thursday 7:00 a.m.

Reynoldsburg/Pickerington

Wesley Ridge Retirement Center
Tuesday 12 noon

Zanesville

Bryan's Place
Tuesday 12 noon

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