



The Rotary Club of Elyria Ohio

The Ramrod

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January 12, 2010
By Jennifer Gallant

Chilly Outside but Warm at Rotary!

Brrrrr. Didn't need to ring the bell at 12:20 p.m. It was cold enough outside that our knees could have knocked in chorus. But we all gathered together with **Janet Long** to stay warm at Rotary. She welcomed us, sang "America the Beautiful with Us" and then said the Pledge of Allegiance with us. **Bob Skillicorn** would have given the invocation except it was a classic case of a dentist at the dentist. So, Janet Long also delivered the invocation. She did everything today except jumping jacks. And that was good that she didn't because one of the visitors was a student shadow for her, Ms. Lundblad.

Sam Battle introduced the other student guest, Allana Boone from JVS who sports a 3.822 GPA due to in her own words "dedication." She likes math, is a cheerleader, belongs to choir, has eaten Fried Ice Cream (guess where that might have happened), and wants to be a dietician when she graduates from the Culinary Arts Program.

Janet also introduced **Carrie Pope**, formerly **Carrie Delewski** who recently married. Sounds of broken male hearts were heard everywhere.

Tim Koba encouraged members to sing "Take Me Home Country Road." We'll have to do some more practicing on that one.

Jug Happenings

Happy Dollars were given to commend the Membership Committee and anyone else responsible for listing new members in the *Elyria Chronicle-Telegram*. A colorful and dapper **Ted Altfeld** modeled his new sweater from abroad. **Jim Hunt** was a very benevolent jug leader this meeting. There was an article on the good work that Red Cross does so **Clarence Wills** was forgiven a fine. **Jeanine Donaldson** was mentioned as the speaker for the Positive People Inauguration – again no fine.

Our Next Meeting:

January 19, 2010

Stewart's Appliances

Our own Rotarian, **Ed Stewart** will be telling us the story behind Stewart Appliances. How it all started, how it has grown and he might even tell us which TV to buy!

And how could you fine someone as fine as **Jerry Skully** who is retiring from his post as Executive Director of United Way of Greater Lorain County? **Pete Schilling** could not be fined for being a positive political force. Fortunately for **Estelle Dobrow**, she had already paid her birthday jug contribution at the last meeting. But other birthdays mentioned included **J.R. White**, **Tim Koba**, and **Gary McIntyre**.

A rousing game of “Name That Rotarian” ended with the answer of John Cash Penney, the founder of the J.C. Penney stores! Did you know that he visited the Elyria Rotary Club?



Sam Battle introduced visiting LCJVS student Allana Boone.

Team Lorain County Promoting Our Assets

Megan Flanigan introduced today’s speaker, Steve Morey, President of Team Lorain County. Team Lorain County is a sister organization to Team NEO (Northeastern Ohio). The focus of this non-profit and non-governmental agency is to attract, expand, and retain business in Lorain County.

Its website is www.teamlorain.com where more information can be found. Some of the information that they provide to businesses for relocation decision making would include quality of life, need for speed, workforce (attraction and retention), incentives (flexibility) and the cost of doing business.

How do they go about presenting a general impression of Lorain County to market the area to potential businesses? They use e-mail, mail, familiarization tours, market visits, and trade shows.

They try to match up what businesses want to the resources available in Lorain.

Impressions gathered from surveys before site visits include declining economy, rust belt, no curb appeal, not in growth mode.

After a site visit, visitors describe Lorain as being vibrant, upward positive transition, good curb appeal, diverse business sectors, and medical market strengths and spin-off opportunities. Team Lorain County follows up on quality leads (potential businesses).

Their proposal packages include tailored availability of sites, workforce information, business services and providers, government incentives (state, county, local), and community life. They negotiate and assist in helping companies that want to relocate to Lorain County.

They work with a number of local and regional organizations to accomplish their goals.



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Make Ups

Bill Kaatz, Bob White, Brooke Bader, Gary McIntyre, Maud De laPorte, Sam Battle, Ted

Wallingford, Gail Stumphauzer, 1/12/10,
Membership Development Committee meeting

Reminder to Committee Chairs – you and your committee members are eligible for make up credit when you have a committee meeting. Send the list of attendees and the date of the meeting to Maggie Kelch (mkelch@rossenvironmental.com) for inclusion in the Ramrod.

Upcoming Programs & Special Events

January 19 – Ed Stewart, History of Stewart Appliances

January 25 - Amy Higgins, Elyria High School Wi Fi Café Plans, Introduction by **Ed M. Stewart**

February 2 – Robert Brown, Case Western Reserve University, Introduction by **Jeanine Donaldson**

February 9 – Elyria Mayor Bill Grace, State of the City Address, Joint meeting with the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce. Plan to arrive early to get a seat!

Make Up Locations & Times

Monday: Amherst - 12:05 p.m. St. Joseph Church Social Hall

Tuesday: Avon -Avon Lake - 7:30 a.m. Sprenger Retirement Center On Community Drive off of Rt. 83 Avon Belden Road) just north of Wendy's.

Wednesday: Vermilion 12:00 noon, German's Villa

Thursday: Lorain 12:00 noon DeLuca's 6075 Middle Ridge Rd

Thursday: Elyria Sunrise, 7:45 a.m. Wesleyan Village, Cascade room

Friday: Oberlin - 12:10 p.m. Oberlin Inn

Friday: North Ridgeville 12:00 noon Senior Center (City Hall Building)

Internet Make Ups: www.rotaryclubone.org

Corn Toss Tournament Planning Underway



Joel Sinegar and Ed Stewart helped to assemble corn toss boards for the first corn toss tournament last year... Planning is underway for the 2010 Corn Toss Tournament. Will you be there this year? Ed M. Stewart reports that planning is underway for the 2010 Tournament which will benefit the EHS Wi Fi Café project. Plan to participate and to help with the event! Date and location will be announced soon.

