



The Rotary Club of Elyria Ohio

The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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January 19, 2010
By Estelle Dobrow

President Janet called the meeting to order at 12:20 PM with the ringing of the Rotary bell. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that we turn off all cell phones and other electronic gadgets. We all honored our country by singing “God Bless America” followed by the “Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag”.

Jeanine Donaldson honored Dr. Martin Luther King with a brief history of his life and sharing the following words spoken by Dr. King. “We all want to be important, to surpass others, to achieve distinction, to lead the parade. It’s a drum-major instinct – the desire to be first. Don’t give it up. Keep feeling the need to be first. But I want you to be first in love, I want you to be first in moral excellence, I want you to be first in generosity. That’s what I want you to do.”

After visiting Rotarians and guests were introduced, **Gary McIntyre** introduced two students from Lorain County JVS and they in-turn introduced each other. *(There was an issue with the microphone and President Janet came to their rescue explaining that they had to use the microphone because many of our members had ‘old ears’.)* Jennie Lanford’s home school is Elyria

High. She is studying Law Enforcement with a special interest in Psychology and Math. She currently has a 4.0 GPA and plans to study Forensics in college. Jennie is involved with many community and extra curricular activities, plays softball and was the winner of the Dr. Martin Luther King essay contest in 2008. Brajuan Lewis is a Culinary Arts student at the JVS. His home school is also EHS. Brajuan’s favorite classes are Geometry and Calculus. He is involved in several extra curricular activities, community activities and has received several honors in Culinary Arts.

Our Next Meeting:

January 26, 2010

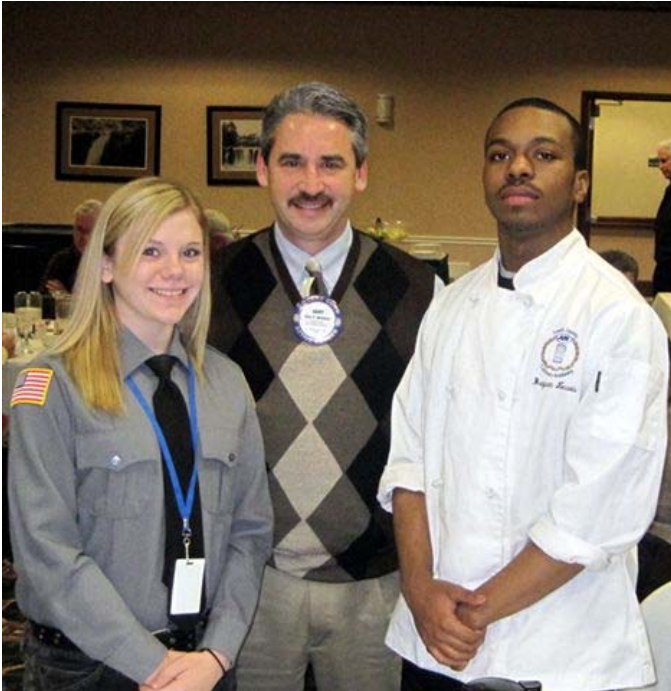
Elyria High School Wi Fi Cafe

Our speaker will be Amy Higgins with the Elyria Schools. She will talk with us about the new Wi Fi Café and what it will include at the new Elyria High School!

These include a Silver rating at regional competition in March '09, 1st place in Ohio’s ProStart Cooking Competition in '09, and 15th place in the USA National ProStart Competition in the summer of '09. His favorite dish to prepare is Chicken Alfredo. President Janet congratulated them with the reminder that “the future is in their hands”.

The song leader of the day was **John Aquilla**. Before leading us in the singing of *All Hail to*

Rotary he announced that he would be in Florida for the next few weeks playing baseball. Good Luck John and bring back a trophy.



Gary McIntyre introduced visiting LCJVS student, Jennie Lanford and Brajaun Lewis .

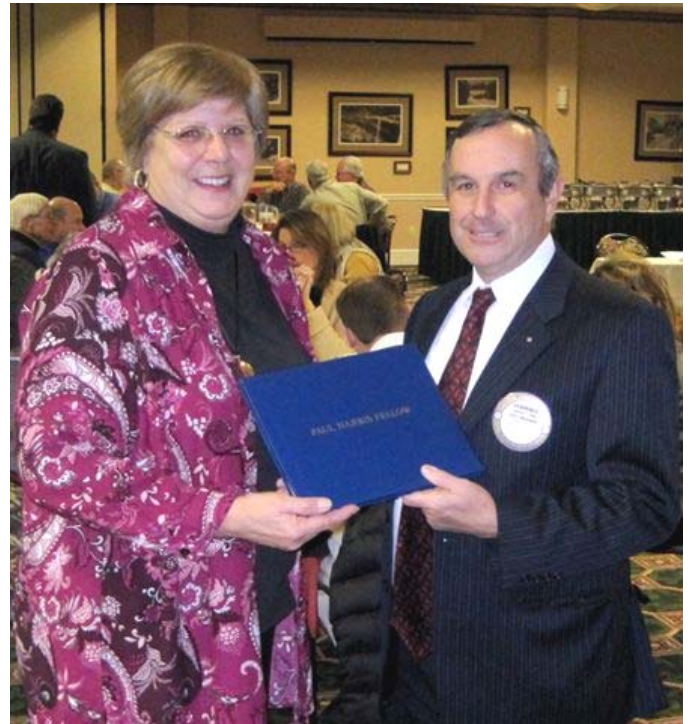
A VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Janet announced that on February 9th, the Lorain County Chamber of Commerce and the Elyria Rotary Club are co-sponsoring Mayor William Grace's State of the City. Since the catering department at the Village needs an accurate count of those attending, there will be a special Sign-Up sheet at the registration table on January 26th and February 3rd. You MUST reserve a space in order to attend. Only the full buffet will be available on the 9th. NOTE: If you are a member of the Elyria Rotary Club and the Chamber, Janet requested that you sign-up on the Rotary List.

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS

Clarence Wills presented the Paul Harris Fellowship certificate and pin to **Marty Kelly**, our Rotary's 'newest' Paul Harris Fellow.

Clarence, on behalf of the Elyria Rotary Club, then presented a 'sapphire' level Paul Harris Fellowship to **Mark Wagner**. He recently contributed over \$1,000 for the cleaning and maintenance of the Fried Ice Cream trailer. In thanking Mark, Clarence said: "That is Service Above Self and that's what Rotary is all about".



Marty Kelly received a Paul Harris Fellow Award from Clarence Wills.

There are as many reasons to support The Rotary Foundation, as there are ways to do good in the world. By contributing to the Foundation, you advance world understanding, good will, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. REMEMBER: Every Rotarian Every Year! Have you contributed your \$100.00 dollars (or more) this year? Talk to Clarence about it.



Janet Long and Clarence Wills presented a special Paul Harris Fellow Award to Mark Wagner for the work that he did for the Apple Festival Fried Ice Cream Booth this year.

THE JUG

President Janet played the role of Jugster. First she asked for Happy Dollars. It took a while for people to proclaim their happiness. Those who participated were **Sam Battle** (for the two JVS students attending), **Rob Demby** (because President Janet is doing a great job leading our Club), **Jennifer Fate** (Stewart Appliance was on the Radio), **Jeanine Donaldson** (her son was 30 today but she couldn't be with him), **Mark Wagner** (something about Santa Claus) and President Janet (spent time during the weekend with her 7 week-old granddaughter – finally a girl!).

Donations to Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund: President Janet encouraged all Rotarians to make a donation to the Elyria Rotary Foundation (if you write a check to the foundation, your donation is tax deductible) which will then be used to purchase a Shelter Box for Haitians in their devastated Country. Our World Service Committee will match the dollars that Elyria Rotarians donate. Our goal is \$1,000. Donations will be accepted on January 26th; so bring your checkbook.



Mark Skellenger introduced our speaker for today, Ed G. Stewart.

PROGRAM – ROTARIAN EDWARD G. STEWART

Mark Skellenger was pleased to introduce **Ed Stewart** who has worked in the family business – Stewart Appliance – since he was a youngster. His early chores included cleaning, making deliveries and installing the appliances, TVs, etc. Ed began working full time in 1985 and now is in charge of marketing, buying the electronics and works in sales. He runs the business with his siblings Terry, Greg and Nancy. Ed is a graduate of Lorain Catholic and LCCC. He and his wife Sandy (married 21 years) live in Elyria with their three children – Jillian, Kevin and Jordan. In his spare time Ed loves to downhill ski, go biking, play golf, go antiquing, maintain a garden and collect Three Stooges memorabilia. Ed has been a Rotarian since 2002.

Stewart Appliance was started by his dad **Dick Stewart** 67 years ago and a Rotarian since 1989. He began the business by selling and repairing car radios. Over the years, not only did their product line increase but their building increased in size significantly to accommodate their growing business. Stewart Appliances has survived and thrived during the past 67 years because of their excellent customer service and competitive pricing and dedicated customer base. Ed's presentation was followed by an excellent question and answer

session. We learned that every TV manufactured today uses parts made overseas and is assembled in Mexico; but appliances are still made in the United States in several factories located in Ohio.

Thanks Ed for a great program!

Until next time, stay dry and warm and enjoy winter in Northeast Ohio.

Estelle

Make Ups

Ed M. Stewart, Marty Kelly 1/12/10, MESA Meeting, Sandusky

Pete Mealwitz, 1/15/10, N. Ridgeville Rotary

Joan Lowry, 1/19/10, Rotary eClub One

Brooke Bader, 1/19/10, Rotary eClub One

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 26 - Amy Higgins, Elyia 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

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.