



The Rotary Club of Elyria Ohio

# The Ramrod

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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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January 5, 2010  
By Pam Koutsaftis

## Welcome to 2010!

Happy New Year!!! It's the first meeting of the 2010 year and whether you going to say twenty ten or two thousand and ten, it's a great year to attend more, participate more and do more in Rotary!

**President Janet** called today's meeting to order at 12:20 p.m. We began our meeting with the song "America" and the Pledge of Allegiance was respectfully recited. **Estelle Dobrow** gave the invocation:

### Happy New Year Wish

My Happy New Year wish for you  
Is for your best year yet,  
A year where life is peaceful,  
And what you want, you get.

A year in which you cherish  
The Past year's memories,  
And live your life each new day,  
Full of bright expectancies.

I wish for you a holiday  
With happiness galore;  
And when it's done, I wish you  
Happy New Year, and many more.

By Joanna Fuchs

## Introduction of Guests and Visiting Rotarians

Among the many guests that were introduced today, one guest was extra special. Introduced by her current host family member, **Bob Skillicorn**, our Rotary exchange student **Virginie Ancion** was in attendance today. Virginie is visiting us from Belgium and will be here for several months. Don't forget to invite her to any exciting venues that you and your family might be attending so that she can experience as much as possible while in Northeast, Ohio.

## Our Next Meeting:

January 12, 2010



Our speaker will be **Steve Morey** from Team Lorain County. Steve will talk with us about Team Lorain County and their economic development efforts here in Lorain County.

## Announcements

**President Janet** reminded committee members that there is a Literacy Committee Meeting immediately following Tuesday's meeting. The Archives Committee will be meeting on Saturday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m., Committee members will be notified by e-mail.

The Membership Committee is meeting next Tuesday, January 12th at 8:00 a.m. at **Gail Stumphauzer's** home.

#### Induction of New Member

Sponsor **Sam Battle** proudly introduced the newest member of the Elyria Rotary, **John Nolan** who is the Superintendent of Lorain County JVS. Welcome **John Nolan!**



*Sam Battle introduced new Rotarian John Nolan.*

#### **Pass the Jug**

The jug proceeds during the month of January benefit our club's community service. **Greg Elek** was our Juggie today and started the New Year with:

The Top Ten Elyria Rotary Club New Year's Resolutions.

1. **Mike Jaworski** to not use the bathroom, especially at Rotary board meetings when they are proposing President Elects.
2. **Ted Altfeld** to not wear that god awful multi-colored holiday sweater-ever.
3. Club Secretary **Greg Kruszka** to take a couple of days off from Rotary rule book and enjoy life.
4. **Dave Holland** to start using his new camera he received from the board and retire the camera that is 20 years old.

5. To our 2 senior members **Arch West** and **John Murbach** (who are driving 1200 miles together to Florida).....it's called AIR TRAVEL.
6. To **Jim Hunt**, quit slacking and get moving so you can still make your goal of Rotary International President by 2012.
7. **Mike Rogan** to have perfect attendance in 2010 since you only need to walk 100 feet down the hall from your office.
8. **Mike Meecha** and the golf committee to put Speedy Amos in the last group at the golf outing so no one is held up when he stops at every person he sees to tell his stories.
9. **All Rotarians** to follow the 4 way test and buy all your steak-fry and fried ice cream tickets.
10. **Every Rotarian**, every year to contribute to the Rotary Foundation.



*Bob Skillicorn, Virginia Ancion and Dr. Ray De la Pena enjoy Rotary fellowship.*

#### Name That Rotarian

- He was born in 1890 in Henryville, Indiana
- At age 5, his father died and his mother began working in a factory so he took her place in the kitchen and started cooking.

- His odd jobs included Streetcar conductor, soldier, blacksmith and ferry captain.
- In 1930 he opened a filling station.
- A few Years after opening his filling station, he placed a table and six chairs in the corner and called it Sanders Café, and later became famous for his fried chicken.

The famous Rotarian was: The Kentucky Colonel, Harland Sanders of Kentucky Fried Chicken.



*Jennifer Fate introduced our speaker, Marcus Madison from Big Brothers Big Sisters.*

### **Today's Program-Big Brothers and Big Sisters Lorain County**

Today's program was introduced by **Jennifer Fate** who shared her story as a "Big", volunteering for Big Brothers and Big Sisters and what a good experience it has been. Today's speaker Marcus Madison, Communication Coordinator explained that Big Brothers and Big Sisters was created in 1994 and born out of a Leadership Lorain County Project and serves youth ages 6 to 14.

### **Their Mission**

"To help children reach their full potential through professionally supported one-to-one relationships with measurable impact."

### **The Big Brothers and Big Sisters Story**

"Although the national efforts for Big Brothers Big Sisters took place in the early 20th century, the Lorain County chapter was introduced in 1994, thanks to the hard work and initiative assumed by the Leadership Lorain County Class of 1994. More than ten years later, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Lorain County has grown into an organization that successfully serves hundreds of children each year— 11 times as many children as they first matched with mentors in 1994. The agency recently earned two more national awards in addition to Annie E. Casey, Pillsbury and 2000 pennant— the Big Sister of the Year and Top All-Around Performer for 2006.

### **Their Mentoring Programs Works**

According to an independent study conducted by Public-Private Ventures, children matched to a Big Brother or Big Sister were:

- 46% less likely to begin using illegal drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school
- More confident in schoolwork performance
- Able to get along better with families

Big Brothers Big Sisters' continual outreach to a younger generation is a necessary and appreciated effort that becomes more successful each year."

### **Ways to help with Big Brothers and Big Sisters Fund Raising efforts include:**

Bowl For Kids Sake...March 21, 2010

Bowl For Kids' Sake is Big Brothers Big Sisters signature fundraising event. Form a team of 4-5 players and raise a minimum of 200 -\$250! Each member is asked to assist in raising \$50 each (\$200 or \$250 team minimum). All bowlers signed up by January 25th will be invited to a Free night of fun & food at Harry Buffalo on February 2nd!

Volunteers (18 and over) are always needed for this important program that has proven outcomes and enriches the life a child. Currently, Big Brothers are needed for 45 boys waiting on a wait list as more Big Sisters tend to volunteer for the program. For more information on how to become part of the fund raising efforts or become a “Big” contact [www.bigloraincounty.org](http://www.bigloraincounty.org).

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## Secretary's Report By Greg Kruszka

### New Members

#### **Sascha L. Chatman**

Res: Avon OH  
Community Health Partners  
Lorain OH  
Sponsor: Greg Kruszka

#### **Daniel B. (Dan) Collings**

Res: Elyria OH  
Jesus Christ Community Church  
Elyria OH  
Sponsor: Joel Sinegar

#### **John P. (John) Nolan**

Res: Wakeman OH  
Lorain County Joint Vocational School  
Oberlin OH  
Sponsor: Sam Battle  
Previous Rotary memberships: Oberlin, Bellevue

Detailed contact information is available in our on line Membership Directory at [www.elyriarotary.org](http://www.elyriarotary.org) or from Secretary Greg Kruszka.

### Member Contact Information

Effective immediately, contact information for members no longer will be published in the Ramrod, including changes of address, phone numbers, or e-mail addresses. For proposed members and new members, the cities of residence and employment and the name of the person's business or employer will be published in the

Ramrod. We will exclude all specific addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.

The purpose is to prevent unauthorized access to contact information. These safeguards are necessary because the Ramrod is available on-line at our website and via search engines, and hard copies are available at various area libraries.

We will continue to provide current detailed contact information in our secure on-line Member Directory. Changes to contact information for existing members may be made directly by members on the website or communicated to the Secretary. For those unable to access the internet, changes in contact information for existing members or new member contact information is available from the Club Secretary.

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## Corn Toss Tournament Planning Underway



*Steve Hosler and Chris Fichtner competed in last year's 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.*

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## Make Ups

**Ted Wallingford**, 12/30, Vermilion Rotary

**Jennifer Gallant, Mark King, Megan Flanigan, Heidi Finniff, Ken Glanc, Tom Hoover, Speedy Amos, Jennifer Fate**, 1/5/10, Literacy Committee meeting

**Steve Hosler, Kara Odom, Mike Meecha, Paul Rigda**, 1/7/10, Strive 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](mailto:mkelch@rossenvironmental.com)) for inclusion in the Ramrod.

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## Upcoming Programs & Special Events

**January 12** - Steve Morey, Team Lorain County, Introduction by **Megan Flanigan**

**January 19** – **Ed Stewart**, History of Stewart Appliances

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

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## 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)



## Snow Days

Is the weather outside frightful? Even if the schools are closed, the Elyria Rotary will meet when it is snowy outside. If a meeting is cancelled, it will be announced on WEOL (930 AM) and the information will be posted on the Elyria Rotary website and sent out to all members via email.