



The Ramrod



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News of the Elyria Ohio Rotary Club

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Tuesday August 5, 2008
By Ed Stewart

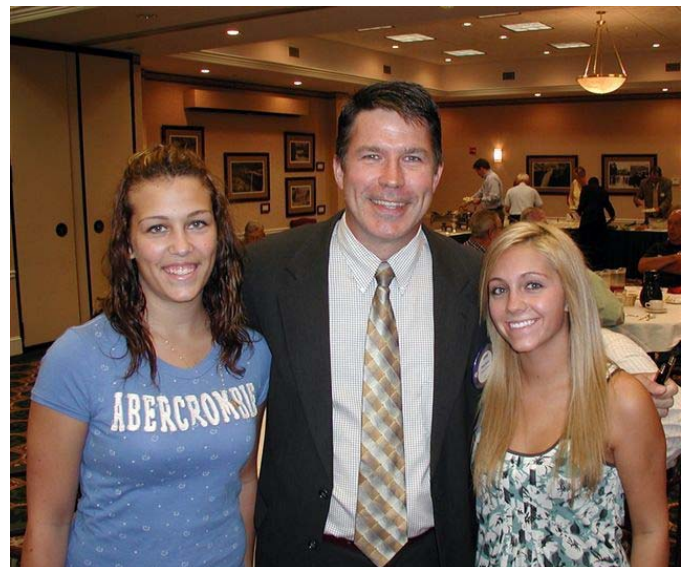
At least one person read last week's Ramrod. Before today's meeting, **Prez Clarence** told me he memorized more words to the pledge. And by golly, he did. After ringing the bell, he roused us from our chairs to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and he said the first two words; the rest of us eventually caught up but there was a real stumble somewhere around word # 3 and 4. I firmly believe he will get it all together and add more to his weekly recitation.

(In all fairness to Clarence, all past presidents easily recall how difficult it can be to get everyone started together... kinda like calling in a herd of cattle for dinner who aren't all that hungry.)

Estelle Dobrow offered good thoughts today, in part to commemorate the beginning of the Olympics, with her reading of "An Ode To Champions." **Janet Long** led us in "America the Beautiful" then **Dennis Willis** led us in today's Juggles, working hard to fine folks. Actually it was hard to find folks in the thin crowd – guess many were vacationing out of the area.

Steve Hosler proudly presented two scholarship winners from this past year's STRIVE program at Elyria High School. Three recipients were Albert Peoples, who will be attending Bowling Green in

the fall, Lindsay Canon who will pursue a career in ultrasound technology and nursing at LCCC, and Breanna Schmidt who will study radiology at LCCC. The recipients were very gracious in accepting their awards. Steve also was gracious in thanking his committee for all their hard work. It has been Steve's persistence and hard work that has helped this committee realize the successes over the past couple of years. Congratulations to all.



Steve Hosler with Strive scholarship recipients Lindsay Canon and Breanna Schmidt.

Maggie Kelch introduced our speaker today, State Representative Matt Lundy. Matt is in his 18th month of his first term and has been an influential voice in Columbus and a solid representative for his constituents. Today's topics had to do with an energy bill and what it will mean for Ohio. The bill represents a \$1.5 billion investment in Ohioans,



Our speaker today was State Representative Matt Lundy who provided us with a legislative update.

hopefully creating 58,000 new jobs. Among the highlights of the bill are \$400K in infrastructure incentives, \$200K Clean Ohio funds, \$150K in incentives for renewable energy initiatives for companies to locate in Ohio that produce parts for new energy resources, and \$250K in paid internships to keep our best young people working in Ohio.

Other topics Rep. Lundy touched upon included a freeze in college tuition and looking at ways for students to reduce costs on class textbooks; pay day lending limits were presented proposing that restrictions be placed on the interest rates and the number of loans a consumer may have; Save The Dream is a proposal to help renters of foreclosed properties literally buy some time before being forced to move. The audience was left with a feeling of confidence that their state representative had their best interest in mind and was hard at work doing what was needed to be done.

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A note from the **Membership Development Committee**: They are going off into a new direction – initiating targeted business categories as a means of focusing attention on new members. In August their focus is on the financial arena, with particular attention to banks, financial services, insurance, real estate and related services. Look up your contacts in those areas and invite them to a meeting. The members of the committee are eager to help – all you need to do is ask. Check the Directory for a listing of committee members.

Secretary's Report By Greg Kruszka

100% Attendance

Next week, when you see one of the following members, congratulate them on 100 percent attendance, including makeups, for the fourth quarter (April – June 2008). These members are the backbone of our weekly meetings. If your name has been inadvertently omitted, please contact me this week, because soon I'll publish the names of members that had perfect attendance, including makeups, for Rotary year 2007 – 08.

Speedy Amos
John Aquilla
Bob Bowman
Ellie Bricmont
Estelle Dobrow
Amber Fisher
Chris Fichtner
Tom Herberger
Dave Holland
Steve Hosler
Jim Hunt
Mike Jaworski
Bill Kaatz

Rich Kaplan
Maggie Kelch
Gary Kneisley
Greg Kruszka
Joan Lowry
Dan Messaros
Dave Pacanosky
Ellen Payner
Bruce Ramsey
Bill Tattersall
Carl Wagner
Clarence Wills

Resignation

Michele Marquis – Job transfer.

Mark Your Calendar

Elyria Sunrise Rotary

Clambake

October 6, 2008

For more information, contact Sunrise
President Don Jason at jasonb6@alltel.net

Make Ups

Marty Kelly, 7/22/08, Rotary eClub One

Bill Tattersall, 8/4/08, Amherst Rotary

John Aquilla, 7/22/08, Vermilion Rotary
and 7/28/08, Wake Forest, NC Rotary

Upcoming Programs & Special Events

August 12, Professor Wyatt Newman, “**Dexter**” the Robot Car Program at CWRU, Intro: **Greg Kruszka**

August 19, Dr. Andrew Fisher, **Evaluating International Service Projects**, Intro: **Amber Fisher**

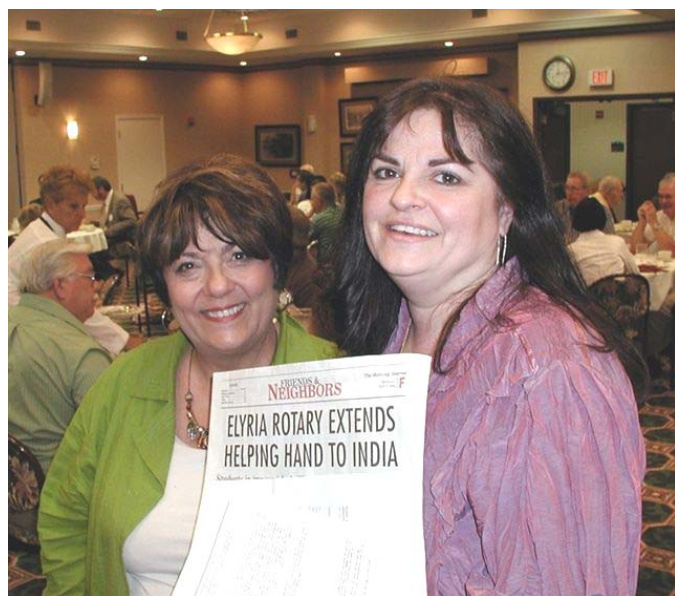
August 26, Tim Green, **Voices for Children**, Intro: **Bob Skillicorn**

September 2, Judy Riggle, **Shelter Box Program**, Intro: **Jim Hunt**

September 9, Bill Barrow, **Cleveland Union Terminal (Terminal Tower)**, Intro: **Greg Kruszka**

September 16, Michael Conibear, **A Positive Place for Kids**, Intro: **Estelle Dobrow**

September 19 – 21 – Elyria Apple Festival – Save some time this weekend to work in the Elyria Rotary Fried Ice Cream Booth!



Gail Stumphauzer and Amber Fisher show some of the 2008 India Trip materials from the club archives. Ninety years of ERC history are stored in six cabinets in the archives room at Wesleyan Village. Members are encouraged to use the archive materials for committee activities. Pictures, stories and reports of past events are available for publicity and other club use. See any member of the archives committee.



From the archives: Rotarians and friends frying up some tasty treats at the 2006 Apple Festival.

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