

LORAIN ROTARY STEEL WHEEL

APRIL 2010

LORAIN ROTARY CLUB

A Note From the President: Mike Mayse

As the temperatures outside rise, we start to think about our annual spring cleaning ritual. We open the windows to air out the house, we go through our closets and sort out what is torn, doesn't fit, is last year's style, and we make room for new items for the season.

We take time to pay our taxes (like we have a choice). We clean windows to wipe away the dreariness on winter for the anticipation of sun and flowers blooming. The neighbors we haven't seen all winter start to come out of their homes for spring projects and, like lost friends, we renew friendships and catch up on what has passed.

Our whole mindset changes! We start to look forward to things, we plan trips, we have backyard events and we even get ready to garden.

Our outlook on life improves. No more cold weather (except for that surprise April snow storm.

Don't pack away those snow shovels just yet!). Sun, glorious sun, revives us, brings us out doors and reignites friendships.

We start to think about baseball's opening day (You know, the one that got snowed out last year and the series was moved to Milwaukee for a week).

Rotarians love spring, The Four Way Test Speech Contest, the Strive program recognition luncheon, the educational scholarships application due date and the distribution of The Jerry Prucha fund grants.

The Rotary Food Drive will have collected food for Lorain's needy. With sun in our faces, we can feel confident and proud of what we have accomplished as spring arrives.

In our pride and sense of recognition, it's a great time to ask those neighbors coming out for spring to come and be our guests to see what Rotary is all about.

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***"Every spring is the only spring
- a perpetual astonishment."***

Ellis Peters

Greeters for April

4/1 William Bierie
4/8 Liz Tepper
4/15 Brett McVey
4/22 Janice DeAngelis
4/29 David Nocjar



Sgt-At-Arms

Denise Nail

Jim Maiorana

Is it your
turn to get a
speaker for
a Rotary
meeting?

Speakers and Programs

April 1: Speaker: Lude Kemock; **Topic:** W.W.J.D.?...Putting Today in Perspective

April 8: Speaker: Mike Del Signore from Republic Services; **Topic:** Recycling; **Facilitator:** Lynn Rebman

April 15: To be Announced

April 22: Speaker: Tom Skoch, editor of the Morning Journal; **Facilitator:** Brad Donahue

April 29: Speaker: Genesis House representative; **Facilitator:** Lori Maiorana



What can you do for the Future of Rotary?

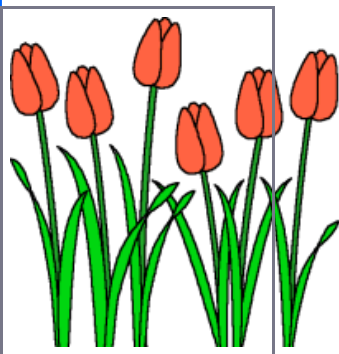
Talk to a board member about your ideas.

Rotary Birthdays

- 4th George Kaiser
- 9th Dave Nocjar
- 10th Homer Virden
- 13th Jim Maiorana
- 14th Bob Rees
- 17th Lily Yuzon
- 23rd Ken McMahon
- 24th Paul Balcom

Rotary Anniversaries

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| Rob Levit | May 28, 1987 |
| Terrilynn Klement | May 2, 2002 |
| Bradley Donahue | May 9, 2002 |
| Angela Fielding | May 15, 2006 |
| William Locke | May 10, 2007 |
| Vincent Giovannazzo | May 9, 2008 |



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With the sun comes optimism and a sense of change, so take time to stop and chat with a neighbor and invite them to attend a meeting with you and learn about Rotary. (They may find Rotary the perfect fit for them!)

***Happy Spring,
President Mike***

LORAIN ROTARY CLUB SCHOLARSHIP

Don't forget that our club is offering post-secondary scholarships for full-time students whose permanent residence is in the city of Lorain. The awards are generally about \$1,000 but they vary depending upon the number of applicants and specific qualifications. College students at the sophomore, junior, or senior level are eligible to apply. In addition to financial need, awards are based upon student initiative as evidenced by the student's personal contribution toward college expenses, volunteerism, and extra-curricular activities. Academic achievement is of secondary importance. Applications will be available at our weekly lunches at the sign-in table or interested students may request an application by writing to Lorain Rotary Memorial Fund, c/o 4950 Oberlin Avenue, Lorain, OH 44053 or by emailing: Georgas@lorainadas.org. Completed applications must be postmarked by May 28, 2010. ***NOTE: Immediate family members of Lorain Rotarians (defined as spouse, children, and stepchildren living in the household) are not eligible to apply.***



Lorain Rotary Club Gold Buying Event

*platinum, 10K, 14K & 18K
yellow and white gold*

Every Thursday in April
2010 for 5 weeks from 1-2
p.m. after meetings

A portion of the proceeds
will go to Lorain Rotary
supported projects.

By Rotarian Rob M. Levit
Levit Jewelers, Inc.

Attend a Lorain Rotary Board Meeting. It counts as a makeup for attendance.

Lorain Rotary Board Minutes – March 10, 2010

In Attendance: Tom Boyer, Dianne Brehm, Tony Cuevas, Brad Donahue, Dina Ferrer, Sandy Kaiser, Rob Levit, Doug Mathews, Mike Mayse, Mike Potts, Sanford Washington & Jim Wilson.

A motion to accept the minutes of the February 10, 2010 minutes as presented was made by Mike Potts, seconded by Sandy Kaiser and carried.

Treasurer's Report: No Report

Political Candidates and Issues: A motion by Brad Donahue to move the discussion on the political candidates and issues from being tabled, seconded by Mike Potts. A motion by Brad Donahue that the president appoints a subcommittee to gather information regarding political candidates and issues, seconded by Tony Cuevas and carried.

Committee Reports

Club Service I: President Mike will appoint a Rotarian to fill in for Ken Wayton until June 30th.

Club Service II: No Report

Attendance: Doug Mathews reported that attendance for the month of February was 79%. Cheryl Atkinson and Neil Levit will be contacted regarding their attendance.

Community Service Report: A motion to sponsor the Neighborhood House Association's Homeless Walk for \$500 and to sponsor a Lorain Youth Baseball team for \$325 was made by Mike Potts, seconded by Doug Mathews and carried.

Vocational Service Report: The Committee continues to look for Rotarians to be speakers for the STRIVE program. With the two high schools combining next year, it is the committee's recommendation to continue the program. The committee will meet in May to discuss details.

International Service: Jim Wilson reported he and Tony Cuevas have visited the Oberlin and Avon/Avon Lake Club to request collaboration with the Kenya School Project. The project would total \$3,000 and a grant application to the District for matching funds will be submitted.

A motion by Jim Wilson to spend up to \$1,500 for the Kenya School Project was made, seconded by Mike Potts and carried. Jim Wilson also reported that he was in contact with the schools to have students attend the World Community Workshop held at Defiance College.

FAC: Tony Cuevas reported he will be presenting a program/request in May to club members on the Every Rotarian Every Year concept of a \$100 donation to The Rotary Foundation.

Program: No Report

PR/Marketing: Rob Levit will begin a "Cash for Gold" fundraiser in which Lorain Rotary will be receiving part of the proceeds.

Jerry Prucha Fund: Brad Donahue announced that four grant applications were received. The committee has extended the deadline for applying to March 19th. There will be \$5,000 awarded.

March Food Fund: The March Food Drive will be held March 18th – April 1. President Mike will have collection boxes at the March 18th noon meeting.

Old Business: More information will be obtained regarding a Lorain Rotary Website.

New Business: Dianne Brehm informed the board that the Rotary International Code of Policies states member email lists or any other Rotary member distribution list was not to be used for purposes other than Rotary. Mike Potts recommended that this be put in the newsletter.

PLEASE NOTE: ROTARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7:30 A.M. AT THE MEETING PLACE, 1606 COOPER FOSTER PARK ROAD. THESE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ROTARY MEMBERS AND COUNT AS A MAKEUP!

The next Board of Directors' meeting will be **Wednesday, April 14, 2010.**

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne C. Brehm

Secretary

Make Dreams Real

Day of Week	Rotary Club	Time of Meeting	Location
Monday	Amherst	12:05 p.m.	St. Joseph Church
Tuesday	Elyria Noon	12:00 p.m.	Elyria United Methodist Village
Tuesday	Avon/Avon Lake	7:30 a.m.	Sprenger Retirement Center
Wednesday	Vermilion	12:00 p.m.	German's Villa
Second Wednesday/ month	Lorain Rotary Board	7:30 a.m.	The Meeting Place
Thursday	Elyria Sunrise	7:45 a.m.	Elyria United Methodist Village
Friday	Oberlin	12:10 p.m.	Oberlin Inn
Friday	North Ridgeville	12:00 p.m.	Senior Center (City Hall)