

LORAIN ROTARY STEEL WHEEL

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LORAIN ROTARY CLUB

A Note From the President: Mike Mayse

Change is Difficult

Can you believe it is February already and our President Elect - Sandy Kaiser is already planning on attending the Rotary P.E.T.S. conferences in preparation for her term starting this July.

We are experiencing the harshest winter in recent years with record snowfall and cold temperatures assaulting us, when every major TV network is commenting on Global Warming, That's amazing! Maybe the Polar Bears are moving here.

For six months the country has been on the verge of moving to a public health option for the 40 million citizens that are uninsured. After an election to elect one man to the Senate in Massachusetts, it appears that the whole health issue may be dead. Imagine one man being elected changed the course of national public policy.

On a personal note my wife of 30 years, Connie has accepted employment at Abbott Labs in Chicago and after an eight month search and 250 applications. So after spending almost everyday together for 30 years, we will commute between Chicago and Cleveland every other weekend. That's Change.

It appears that everything we know and count on is subject to Change.

Sometimes slow and bewildering like Global Warming and a very cold winter. Sometimes fast like the Senate election in Massachusetts. What defines us in these times is how we deal with Change. Do we say 10 years ago, it was different, even in the Lorain Rotary and long for those times when 95% of members were businessmen. Women weren't encouraged to join and we were entertained with magicians and woodworkers at our meetings.

Now our membership is reflective of the changes in our community, we have more social service agencies and politicians represented. There are simply less businesses in Lorain and mainstays like the steel mill and Ford are shadows of what they once were. The employment sectors have moved from manufacturing to a service economy.

So do we long for the past or do we seek and embrace Change. Do we look for key movers and shakers to join the Lorain Rotary from the service sector? Do we look at changing the rules away from mandatory lunches to one of service and social participation to encourage potential Rotarians to join our club and make it better?

I hope we find balance in the middle of understanding our heritage, but embrace the Change that is there everyday in our lives. I hope that you agree.

President Mike

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*"Winter is the time for comfort,
for good food and warmth, for
the touch of a friendly hand and
for a talk beside the fire: it is
the time for home."*

- Edith Sitwell

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

Greeters for February

2/11 Phil Dore
2/18 Julia Ecker
2/25 Roger Farr



Sgt-at-Arms for February

Jim Wilson

Speakers and Programs

February 4th: **Speaker:** Julie Cottrell; **Topic:** Non-Business Education Option Through LCCC; **Facilitator:** Sandy Kaiser

February 11th: **Speaker:** Michael Parry from Community Health Partners Foundation; **Facilitator:** Homer Virden

February 18th: **Speaker:** Rick Fortney, Executive Director of True North Cultural Center; **Facilitator:** Tom Boyer

February 25th: **State of the City Address** by Mayor Tony Krasienko



What can you do for the Future of Rotary?

Talk to a board member about your ideas.

Rotary Birthdays

Angela Fielding	February 16
Len DeLuca	February 17
Jane Hobart	February 23
William Locke	February 25

Rotary Anniversaries

Will Wood	2/18/61
Jerry Comer	2/25/71
Neil Levit	2/20/86
Paul Balcom	2/27/97
Kenneth Wayton	2/08/07
Charles Howard	2/10/07



Lorain County Rotary
An Evening With The
Cleveland Orchestra
Friday April 9, 2010

Buffet Dinner Beginning at 5:30 pm
At The Oberlin Inn. Concert Seating
To Begin At 7:30 pm At Finney
Chapel

After Concert Fellowship At
Brewster's Oberlin Inn

Dinner \$20 pp

Concert Seating \$16.50 pp

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

Lorain Rotary Board Minutes – January 13, 2010

President Mike called the meeting to order at 7:40 A.M.

A motion to accept the minutes of the December 9, 2009 minutes as presented was made by Jim Wilson, seconded by Doug Mathews and carried.

Treasurer's Report: Carolyn Huston presented the Treasurer's Report for December. Additional Trivia money was received as well as Trivia expenses paid. Carolyn will have a final report for the Trivia at the

February meeting. The checking account balance is \$18,010. The 6 month CD is coming due in May. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented was made by Dianne Brehm, seconded by Doug Mathews and carried.

Committee Reports

Club Service I: No Report

Club Service II: Doug Mathews reported that attendance for the month of December was 66% and there are currently 74 members. A motion by Jim Wilson to accept a six month leave of absence

request by Ken Wayton was made, seconded by Doug Mathews and carried.

Community Service Report: No Report

Vocational Service Report: Sanford Washington reported the committee continues looking for Rotarians to be speakers for the STRIVE program. Student attendance is good with 12-15 students at Lorain Admiral King and over 20 at Southview.

International Service: No Report

FAC: Tony Cuevas announced that a program will be decided to encourage Rotarians to donate \$100 by June 30th to the Rotary Foundation for the Every Year Every Rotarian (EYER) Rotary International Program. The club currently has 490 match points and \$1,000 in the budget.

Program: No Report

PR/Marketing: No Report

Jerry Prucha Fund: No Report

Old Business:

Tony Cuevas read a page from Rotary International's Code of Policies regarding Clubs and Politics. No club shall provide the name of Rotary or its logo for endorsements. President Mike will draft a change to the by-laws and announce to the club that discussion will continue at next month's board meeting regarding this policy and how the policy would affect future speakers. Members are encouraged to attend to express their thoughts and concerns.

President Mike will contact area Club Presidents to meet regarding the Food Drive to be held in March. Rotarians will be asked to take food collection boxes to their place of business.

New Business: A motion by Carolyn Huston was made to purchase a table of 8 for the Camp Idea's Spaghetti Dinner to be held in February, seconded by Jim Wilson and carried. The tickets will be raffled off at a regular noon meeting for Rotarians wishing to attend.

At 8:3 A.M., with no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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, February 10, 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)