



**Thursday, April 3, 2025 ~ Morning Mingle Agenda:**

**Teresa Gilles, Denise McCarty, Joni Poli, David Janik, Cindi Manning, Donna Templeton, Judith Padua, Cheri Stempowski, Gabe Rey, Michael Ciu, Sandy kaiser, Dan Plumb, John Sekletar, Michele Esper, Jeri Leigh Siss, Christina Meier, Beth Morales, Telly Peters, Renee Schnebelin, Brandon Thimke, Joe Carney, Andrew Krieger, Stephanie Kingsboro, Nick Hurst, Kristin Amore, Cynthia Gore, Leah Goodrich, Jennifer Kulchar, Tori Toth, Mark Cawthon, Jacob Perez, Beth Thomas, Michelle Balas, Becky Denes, Jeremy Watson, Deb Jeffreys, Steve Owens, Marc Tramantana, Tyler Eroshevich, Steve Sanders, C. Adams, Tom Schoen, Shelby Gillespie.**

**President ~ Denise**

- Call meeting to order and welcome to the Morning Mingle @ 9:02am
- Please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance
- Prayer by Gabe, Good Shepard Church.
- Everyone sang Happy Birthday to Audrey Costilow.
- Go around the room and introduce
- Approve the minutes from December Morning Mingle – Approve March at May meeting. BRAMHALL ENGINEER, Aaron, explained the work being done by Norfolk Southern RR at S. main & Church St. underpass. Roads will be closed during construction, beginning the end of April, early May. Timeline approximately 2 years. West St. will remain open to access to businesses. Tenney Ave will have limited access occasionally. Signage will be posted w/directions and businesses. Adding lighting for pedestrian access as well.

**Promotional Chairs ~ Joni & Cindi**

**2025 Events**

- Basket Bingo – Another great event for MSA & the community!
- Beautification Day – May 17, Good Sheppard Church will bring volunteers.
- Wine & Chocolate – May 18 from 12-5. To participate, please go online to register your business. Registration opens at 12noon. \$35/ticket.
- W.O.W. – June 11, July 9, August 13.

**Executive Director's Report ~ Teresa**

- **"I'm Here"** begins May 4-10<sup>th</sup>. The grand prize is \$350. Also participating; Vermilion, Lorain, Elyria, Oberlin, Wellington and Grafton.



- Welcome Steve Long, new owner of the coffee shop.

### **Open the Floor**

Please only take 2 to 3 minutes and only one person per organization speaks to give everyone a chance to talk - Police, Fire Dept., City Council, School District, Rotary, Lorain County Auditor, AHS, Mural Association:

- Police, Chief Mark Cawthon & Jacob Perez: Held a successful drug turn-in. Movie w/a cop. Bike Rodeo. "Be Seen" campaign working w/Kim Haney. Talk with a cop will be held at the Office on Aging, Carrie Adams is the director.
- Fire Department, Chief Jim Wilhelm: Please check your smoke detectors. Offered safety tips. New social media page. David Janik, Councilmember, is planning a "recognition for Pete Stamatis to honor him for his bravery helping at the scene of an accident. Will be at the City Council meeting on April 14, at 7pm. Reminder; residents are not permitted to "burn" in the state of Ohio. It is illegal. Firepits must be 25' away from structures/homes.
- City council, Dave Janik: All council meetings are now "live" streamed.
- Schools: Citizens of Amherst holding a golf outing on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Rotary, Jeremy Watson & Jeri Leigh Siss: Wine Tasting is May 16<sup>th</sup> at Cole's Public House. \$80 a ticket for \$150 per couple. Looking for sponsors, table sponsors, basket donations. Helping schools with a fresh fruit & vegetables program.
- Library, Becky Denes: Calendars were distributed. The Easter Bunny will be there at 11am on Saturday. Check the online calendar for more events. Amherst Chess Players Society meets April 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:30m. Ages 12+, or with an adult. Celebrating National Library week next week.
- Veteran's Association, John Sekletar: This will be their 11<sup>th</sup> annual Veteran's Day celebration this year. Amazing!
- Historical Society: Holding a Kentucky Derby Night at the Races. Buy a horse & you'll have a chance to win a bottle of Bourbon.
- Good Sheppard Baptist Church, Gabe Rey: Currently serving approximately 120 students in the Amherst Schools.
- Achieve Credit Union, Nick Hurst: Having a financial literacy class at the library. New auto loan rate of 4.99%, refinance your current loan at a lower rate.
- KW Realty: Alyesse Nedrow & Cynthia Gore from Stewart Title introduced themselves.



- LC Children Services has a “call for help” line. They are looking for foster parents for families in Lorain County, then the state of OH. They are available to speak at your events. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
- Lormet Credit Union, Andrew Krieger: Lormet is providing 4, \$1000 scholarships. Go to [Lormet.com](http://Lormet.com) to apply. The deadline is June 27<sup>th</sup>. Winners will be announced in July.
- Office on Aging, Carrie Adams: Senior Activities are held weekly at their new location, The Nordson Depot. Activities are open to all residents, recently retired, they encourage your attendance.
- Creative Travel, Beth Thomas: Beth is Mark Skadan’s sister! Beth introduced herself and offered her services.
- Jeri Leigh Siss: Estate planner for Medical POA, any child over 18. It is very important for your family.
- Business After Hours, Mike Eppley: Dates are May 8, August 7, and November 6<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7pm at The 1907 Assisted Living at Central Village. 474 Church St, Amherst, OH 44001.

Next Morning Mingle will be held on Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Adjournment: Joni 1<sup>st</sup>, Teresa 2<sup>nd</sup>. Meeting adjourned at 10:00AM