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Call to Order

President Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Bill Maki offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" in honor of today's program. Sue Pittman introduced our guests, Tricia Bell and Tom Nortker of Your News Now, and Bob Blake of The Lima News. There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Linda Vogel, Dan Burke, Mike Makley, Jim Henrich, Marty Dodrill, Jason Little, Milt Miller, and Sue Pittman were all happy today.

Fines

Rev. Bill Maki was our finer today. He fined Mike Makley, Kelly Kill, Dick Hudson, John Wale, Alex Pittman, Kraig Noble, Kevin Harlan, and Ken Strickland. Sandy Gerdeman was exempt from fines. He also fined anyone who has never served in the military and anyone who didn't know what time of day the National Moment of Remembrance is on Memorial Day.

Announcements

Linda read a thank you letter received from scholarship recipient Austin Riggs.

Sunshine Playground dedication ceremony is Saturday June 16th at 10:00am

Sandy announced the Annual Banquet "Beach Party" will be held June 7th. There will be no meeting on the 6th.

Pay your dues.....

Program

Robbie introduced our speaker Milt Miller. Milt is the co-founder of the Grand Lake St Marys Restoration Commission. He came today to give us an update on the condition of Grand Lake St Marys.

Recently Grand Lake St Marys has been receiving a lot of press regarding its toxin levels. It started in March when someone from the Columbus Dispatch came and took a sample of Grand Lake St Marys to report the toxin levels. The paper reported that levels were 10 times higher than a normal reading. Many other newspapers picked up this wire, pulled their file regarding the blue-green algae from two years ago and reported it. Not one of these news centers called the Restoration Commission for information.



Milt explained that the algae the lake is experiencing this year is much different from last year. This year it is brown instead of blue-green. Miller stated "as a generalization, browns are good, greens are bad."

Grand Lake St Marys is very much open and ready to kick off the season this

Memorial Day weekend. Fishing has been phenomenal and the bass tournaments have been very successful. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be testing the lake every week with "grab samples" to make sure the lake is in good condition all summer.

Queen of Hearts

Randy Elsass won the weekly drawing but could not find the Queen of Hearts.

Upcoming Programs

5-30 Sue Pittman-Community College of Arts Council
6-6 No Lunch Meeting
6-7 Rotary Annual Banquet
6-13 Don Regula-Courthouse Update

**Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?