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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Kathy Sampson offered the invocation. Kraig Noble led us in a rousing rendition of "Vive Le Rotary." Eric Ostling attended as a guest of Kraig. We sang "Happy Birthday" to Ed Raudabaugh.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke, Don Hinckley, Shawn Brown, Ed Pierce, Susan Pittman, and Susan Crotty were all happy.

Fines

Randy Elsass was the finer. He fined Tim Dicke right off the bat for winning \$75 last week and not giving any Happy Dollars today. He was going to fine the attendance committee but decided to exempt them, and he also exempted Shawn Brown. He let Susan Crotty off the hook for her generosity with Happy Dollars. Paige Canfield, Linda Haines, and Alex Pittman struggled to name the coaches that started their OSU careers 9-0 (Urban Meyer, Earle Bruce, and Carroll Widdoes.) Allen Baskett knew four presidents were assassinated, and Kraig Noble avoided a fine by brilliantly and quickly naming the

four. Pat Cogan knew which Pres. appointed the first African-American justice, and Jeff Squire named him. Kathy Sampson missed that John Tyler was the first VP to succeed a Pres. dying in office. We also learned that an intense fear of Halloween is "Samhainophobia." Everyone who hadn't bought a season ski pass or who was not wearing red, white, and blue was fined.

Announcements

President Robbie announced that:

- There will be a board meeting on Nov. 7 at 10:45 am.
- Please visit our website and "Like" us on Facebook.
- There is still time to register for Saturday's (Nov. 3) Rotary Leadership Institute in Findlay.

Program

President-elect Dan Burke introduced our speaker Rick Green who provided us with a fascinating overview (a refresher course for some) of the Rotary Foundation and all of its work "*Doing Good in the World.*"

Rick pointed out that Ken Strickland



found on the Charity Navigator website (www.charitynavigator.org) that the Rotary Foundation scores 69 out of 70 overall as a good charity. It scores 70 out of 70 for accountability/transparency, and 87% of the dollars donated go directly to program costs. Programs are directed toward six areas of focus which include; peace & conflict resolution, disease prevention &

treatment, water & sanitation, maternal & child health, basic education & literacy, and economic & community development.

Rick first provided an overview of *Rotary Peace Fellowship*. Each year, up to 100 fellows are sponsored to study at one of six Rotary Peace Centers for master's degrees or professional certificates. In 2010-11, 79 fellows from 42 countries participated at a cost of \$4.1 million.

The Rotary Foundation also sponsors international *Ambassadorial Scholarship* programs. Scholars study outside their own country and serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill. In 2010-11, 414 scholars from 52 countries studied in 73 countries for a total cost of \$9.7 million.

The annual Group Study Exchange (GSE) program pairs Rotary districts to host teams of non-Rotarians from a variety of professions. Beginning in 2013-14 *Vocational Training Teams* (VTTs) will combine the GSE, Volunteer Service Grants, 3-H Grants, and other former programs in a streamlined and flexible international service program. VTTs will concentrate on a Rotary Area of Focus and emphasize hands-on service.

In 2010-11, program awards for *3-H (Health, Hunger, Humanity) Grants* were \$0.2 million. The Rotary Foundation also provided a significant amount of *Matching Grants* for international service projects of Rotary clubs and district. 1,634 new grants were approved for projects in 107 countries totaling \$33.2 million in 2010-11. 351 *District Simplified Grants* for service and humanitarian endeavors were awarded in the same time period for \$7 million.

Of course, Rotarians continue striving to ensure that all children are immunized against polio. Since 1985, more than 2 billion children have been vaccinated. *PolioPlus* program awards were \$75.6 million in 2011-12.

We watched several inspiring videos illustrating the Foundation's good works for the Sudanese in Australia, women in India, students in New Orleans, children & families in Peru, and mothers & children in

Haiti. (The Jeep was awesome but Rick may be getting a fine next week!)

St. Marys Rotarians are asked to give as they can to the Rotary Foundation to allow it to continue supporting humanitarian efforts around the world. A **SPECIAL OFFER** is currently in place for St. Marys Rotarians. For those who give \$50 now, the St. Marys Club will match the donation dollar-for-dollar, bringing your donation to \$100. For that donation, Jim Heinrich will provide 100 recognition points. Therefore, for a \$50 donation you can receive credit for \$200 toward becoming a Paul Harris Fellow.

Please see Rick if you have questions about donations to the Rotary Foundation. While donations are happily accepted any time, they should be made by the end of November to receive the matching donation and points.

Queen of Hearts

Mike Makely won the \$75 drawing, but the Queen lives...

Upcoming Programs

11-7	Sondra Bernardi- Organ Donation
11-14	Paul Joseph- Veteran's Day
11-21	Ryan Wendel- Eagle Scout

Upcoming Greeters

11-7	Scott Ross
11-14	Ellen Hunter
11-21	Tanya Temple

**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?