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Call to Order

President Robbie Burke called the meeting to order. Sue Pittman offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Kraig Noble led us in singing "Vive Le Rotary." Jan Heinrich was our guest.

Happy Dollars

Robbie Burke and Jim Heinrich were happy for our speaker today, Marty for the Reds win last night, Ron Gorby for helping move his son to Norfolk and the Kathy Sampson hat collection, Linda Vogel for her daughter and grandbaby moving back to St Marys, Keith Fledderjohann for his daughter graduating from BG, and Frank Klatt was happy to be back to a Rotary meeting.

Fines

Ron Gorby was our finer today. Ron started by exempting Jim Harris for fines for his service to St Marys. He then fined Jon Hall for a days' notice to fill in for fines. Dan Burke asked Ron to lead the fundraising committee for next Rotary year and Ron started the fundraising by fining Dan. Marty Dodrill, Susan Crotty and Gary Newton were also fined as well as anyone not going to District Conference, or who hasn't been to Vietnam or Cambodia.

Announcements

May 17th-19th will be this year's District Conference to be held at Put-In-Bay.

Our club's Annual Banquet will be held the evening of June 13th. Please RSVP.

Candi Dicke, executive director of the Family Life Center, sent a thank you for the literacy packets she was presented at last week's meeting.

Kathy Sampson thanked the club for the cards, emails, and donations and updated us with the good news that her daughter Elizabeth is doing quite well.

Program

President Elect Dan Burke introduced our Do Nguyen as our speaker. Do was born in Vietnam. He moved to the US in 1974 to attend Bowling Green State University, and had to leave behind his daughter and

wife. The fall of Saigon was in 1975 and Vietnam was in great turmoil. Luckily his family was able to come join him in Ohio the next year. He was here today to discuss The DOVE Fund and his travels to Vietnam and Cambodia. Do is an 18 year member of the Maumee Rotary Club.

The Dove Fund was founded in 2000 in Toledo and is a non-profit corporation founded by Do, several Vietnam veterans, and other fellow Rotarians. The goal of DOVE is to provide humanitarian and development assistance to areas in Vietnam and Cambodia, to promote communication, education, and cultural exchanges that reflect the best qualities of both cultures, and to create an environment brightened by hope and sustained by peace.

Since its founding, the DOVE Fund has built 21 nursery schools, 15 daycare centers, 8 elementary schools, and 1 junior high school. In addition, DOVE has built 4 medical clinics, 6 major water projects, 150 latrines, and conducted many medical missions.

Do helped distribute 140 PET vehicles in Vietnam in January. A PET vehicle is a three wheeled cart to help the disabled.



Do donated a box of Vietnamese coffee to us. Each bag is \$10 and 100% of proceeds go to the club.

Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby won the weekly drawing.

Upcoming Programs

5-15	Owen Whittington-Setex
5-22	Milt Miller- GLSM update
5-29	Mayor Pat McGowan
6-5	Cynthia Vogel-the Anne Oakley story
6-12	No Meeting

Upcoming Greeters

5-22	Linda Vogel
5-29	Tim Dicke
6-5	Randy Elsass

**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?