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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order and Allen Baskett offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests/Birthdays

We welcomed Jack Brown, guest of Robbie Burke, and visiting Rotarian from the Lima Club Jim Mason.

Happy Dollars

Our "Happy Rotarians" today included Dan Burke, Bill Maki, Beth Nineman, Phil Schumann, Jim Heinrich, Don Hinkley, and Jeff Squire.

Fines

Ellen Hunter was our Finer today...her victims included Tim Dicke, Mick Teman, Beth Noneman, Kristen Powel, Jon Kramer, Julie Kramer, Dan Hosek, Pat Cogan, Rick

Green, and anyone who was not at the Halloween Parade on Tuesday or who did not bring a guest today.

Announcements

Randy thanked the following board members for their efforts:

- Phil Schumann for his leadership of the Halloween Parade.
- Travis Elsass for the quick turnaround in getting the parade info on the clubs Facebook page so fast.
- Bill Maki and Jon Kramer for their devine influence on the weather during the parade.
- Kathy Sampson for her leadership while he was out of town.

Randy also reminded board members that the board will meet next week on the 5th at 10:45am prior to the club meeting.

Randy also reminded everyone to VOTE next Tuesday...it does count! And failure to do so will probably be finable at next weeks meeting.

Program

Our guest speaker today was our own Jeff Squire. Jeff was here to share information about the work of the Rotary Foundation.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Rotary Foundation helps fund our humanitarian activities, from local service projects to global initiatives. Your club or district can apply for grants from the Foundation to invest in projects and provide scholarships.

The Foundation also leads the charge on worldwide Rotary

campaigns such as the eradication of polio and promoting peace. Rotarians and friends of Rotary support the Foundation's work through voluntary contributions.



Polio - Rotary, along with its partners, has reduced polio cases by 99 percent worldwide since our first project to vaccinate children in the Philippines in 1979. We are close to eradicating polio, but there is still work to be done.

Peace Fellows - Each year, Rotary selects individuals from around the world to receive fully funded academic fellowships at one of our peace centers. These fellowships cover tuition and fees, room and board, round-trip transportation, and all internship/field study expenses.

District Grants - District Grants help support local projects like our Literacy Project, the Lagoon Aeration, and other local projects and programs.

Paul Harris Fellows - Recognition as a Paul Harris Fellow for a members financial contribution to the Rotary Foundation, has always been an important part of international service.

Annual Fund - The Annual Fund helps Rotary take action today to create positive change in communities at home and around the world.

Contributions help us strengthen peace efforts, provide clean water and sanitation, support education, grow local economies, save mothers and children, and fight disease. The "Every Rotarian Every Year" initiative asks every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation every year. In addition to contributing to the Annual Fund on a regular basis, members are encouraged to get involved in a Foundation project or program.

Jeff ended his presentation by reminding us that November is Rotary Foundation Month. This the time of the year for Rotarians to step up and support the efforts of the Rotary Foundation.

Queen of Hearts

Dick Hudson had the winning ticket for a shot at the Queen today...but alas...the Queen was playing hard to get so Dick went home without "The Queen".

Upcoming Programs

11/5 Dan Hegemier, MHS Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
11/12 Sergeant Major Ted Copeland, Veteran Programs

Upcoming Greeters

11/5 Travis Elsass
11/12 Ron Gorby

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

The meeting was adjourned after the recitation of the "Four Way Test".

