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Call to Order

President Randy Elsass called the meeting to order and Bill Maki offered the invocation. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, the Club sang a verse of "America".

Guests/Birthdays

We welcomed Ross Davis (guest of Kristin Powell), Jack Brown (guest of Robbie Burke), Jan Heinrich, (guest of Jim) & John Meinerding, St. Marys City Schools, with (7) student guests. Other guests included:

Army National Guard:

Darren Cochensparger Chet Hone
Jacob Epperson Zachary Gariety
City of St. Marys City:

Greg Foxhoven Mark Ernst
Tim Eberle Jake Sutton
Danielle Eshleman

Birthdays included: Jon Hall, Linda Haines, Julie Kraner, Frank Klatt, and Karl Dammeyer.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Happy Rotarians included: Robbie Burke, Dan Burke, Susan Crotty, Zach Ferrall, Keith Fledgerjohann, Ron Gorby, Linda Haines, Jon Hall, Don Hinckley, Alisher Khudaykulov, Bill Maki, Kraig Noble, Beth Noneman, and Kristin Powell.

Fines were few, but Jon Hall asked those without a military guest to pay.

New Member Induction

It was our pleasure to induct Jack Brown as a new member of Rotary. Jack was recommended for membership by Robbie Burke.



Announcements

President Randy presented a check to Police Chief, Mark Ernst, for the American Cancer Society fundraising event. Randy also presented new member pins to Ellen Hunter and Jeff Squire in recognition of the number of new members each of them has nominated. Rotary Board Members were asked to attend a short meeting after the Club Meeting.

Program

In case you did not know, World War I "Armistice Day" was the forerunner of the current "Veteran's Day", which became a national holiday by proclamation of Congress in 1938.

As part of our recognition of Veteran's Day, we were honored to have Command Sergeant Major (CSM), Ted Copeland present our program. CSM Copeland was born and raised in Wapakoneta and has also served for many years with the City of St. Marys Police Department.



CSM Copeland joined the United States Army in 1984 and has served in a variety of assignments--stateside and overseas. After enlisting, he joined the Law Enforcement Activity Company for the 101st Airborne Division, in Fort Campbell, KY. The first of many deployments took him to Korea for 13 months in a military police position.

Although CSM Copeland was discharged from active service in 1987, he continued his service with the Dayton M.P. Army Reserve unit. He was deployed with this unit to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Cease Fire and helped lead the escort/transport prisoners-of-war. In fact, this unit escorted more than 25,000 POW's.

In 2001, CSM Copeland also joined the airborne POW transport guard unit responsible for escorting prisoners to Guantanamo Bay. In 2007, he was assigned to Camp Bucca for 'detainees' (prisoners), in Iraq. While there, he took pleasure in humanitarian

efforts for the families and children of detainees, teaching Iraqi's to read and write English, and conducting rehab training to help prepare detainees for release.

The most recent (and final?) deployment to Kandahar in 2013 was to join the senior level command unit responsible for over \$7 billion in contracts for the logistics and drawdown of operations in Afghanistan.

CSM Copeland's list of awards and decorations is very impressive and include the Army Achievement Medal, several Bronze Stars, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit. It was a great honor to hear CSM Copeland's story and we sincerely thank him for his service to our country.

Queen of Hearts

Ron Gorby got a chance at the Queen, but she got away again.

Upcoming Programs

- 11/19 Harry Hooyenga--Polio Plus
- 11/26 Krista Sanford--Thanksgiving
- 12/3 Jon & Julie Kraner
- 12/10 Santa & Kids (6:00 PM)

Upcoming Greeters

- 11/19 Rick Green
- 11/26 Linda Haines
- 12/3 Jon Hall
- 12/10 Kevin Harlan

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

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

