

The Cog

Rotary Club No. 3503 P. O. Box 544, St. Marys, OH 45885. www.stmarysrotary.org February 18, 2015

Call to Order

President-Elect Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests

We welcomed Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich.

Song

Jeff Squire led the Club in singing "And The Band Played On". The club also sang Happy Birthday today to fellow Rotarian Bob Leugers.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Our Happy Rotarians today included Kraig Noble, Chris Honefanger, Linda Haines, Sue Pittman, Kathy Sampson, and Jeff Vosler.

Fines

As Finer-of-the-Day, Rev Bill Maki had a series of Group Fines that included...anyone who has not swam outside this month, anyone who hasn't flown this month, anyone who has not been in a room with 100 pastors, anyone not wearing their Rotary pin, and an additional fine was levied, just because it is Ash Wednesday!

Announcements

Kathy Sampson presented Linda Haines and Kevin Harlan with the club's annual donation to Grand Lake Health System.



Program

Kathy introduced our guest speaker for today...fellow Rotarian Kevin Harlan was here today to share the latest information, some history, and some updates on what's happening at Grand Lake Health System.

Joint Township District Memorial Hospital opened its doors on May 5, 1953. At the time, the one-story facility housed 50 beds and employed 30 staff members.

Now known as "Grand Lake Health System, the hospital has grown to include over 800+ medical professionals, 150 physicians, 12 affiliates and 10 Centers of Excellence, but its commitment to providing exceptional quality medical care continues. Kevin came to Grand Lake Health System in 2005. Since that time, Grand Lake Health System has experienced tremendous growth and expansion of services.



Kevin highlighted some of the improvements and expansions that have taken place over the last couple of years.

- 2013 Healthgrades® recognized Grand Lake Health System for exceptional quality in 16 different areas of care.
- 2013 \$4 million improvement of Ambulatory Surgery Unit.
- 2013 Grand Lake OB/GYN office opens in Celina.
- 2014 Expansion and renovation of Miami & Erie Family Practice & Pediatrics in Minster completed.
- 2014 New Day Pain Management Center opens in St. Marys.
- 2014 Opening of Grand Lake Neurological Center in St. Marys.
- 2014 Opening of Vanan ENT & Sinus Center in Celina.
- 2014 Grand Lake Wound Care Center receives the Robert A. Warriner III, M.D. Center of Excellence Award.

Kevin also spoke about the Grand Lake Health System Foundation and its work for the hospital and the community.

Charged with the responsibility of funding efforts for the entire health system, the Foundation, just like the hospital itself, is a 501C3 charitable non-profit organization that helps ensure the communities of Grand Lake Region receive the most reliable and affordable healthcare possible.

The Foundation is the vehicle for combined community support and funding. Its efforts have seen the completion of the Birthing Center, Emergency Room, Cardiac Center, and renovation of the hospital's Transitional Care Unit/Inpatient Rehab Unit on the sixth floor. The Foundation continues to support the new Women's Imaging Center and Hospice.

Queen of Hearts

Chris Honefanger had the lucky ticket, but was not lucky enough to find the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

2/25 Fire Chief, Doug Ayers

Upcoming Greeters

2/25 Brent Miller

3/4 Kent Miller

3/11 Gary Newton

* 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".

