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Rotary Club No. 3503
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May 6, 2015

Call to Order

President Randy Elsass opened the meeting and Sue Pittman offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

Visiting Rotarian: Steve Smith (New Bremen/New Knoxville)

Guests: Jim Dieringer (American Legion), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Asst. Principal, John Meinerding (Asst. Principal), and students, Anna Ernst, Jared Goodwin, Spencer Knous, Nathan Folk, Max Moeller, and Haley Charbanau.

Kraig Noble led the singing of "I'm Looking Over a Four-Leaf Clover". No members with birthdays were in attendance.

Happy Dollars/Fines

Randy Elsass was happy for Rotary's role in the Prom Promenade (and for how he looked in his tuxedo). Kathy Sampson was happy for her daughter's graduation from BGSU on-time AND with highest honors. Tami Sanford was happy for her daughter's recent wedding. Sue Pittman and Kraig Noble added dollars for the approval of the City and Library levies. Linda Haines was happy for Hospice Gala and her 3rd granddaughter who is on the way. Rita Hilty was happy for her 32-year anniversary and requested prayer for a sister who is battling cancer. Tim Dicke announced the Lt. Governor's Luncheon and his resignation as Chamber Director..

As Finer-of-the-Day, Ellen Hunter asked questions about Travis Elsass. We learned that Travis graduated from ONU in 2006, majoring in Economics and International Business and with a unique chance to study in Germany. After graduating, he lived and worked in St. Louis. Travis recently took a big step in becoming a 'home-owner'.

Announcements

- Linda Haines proposed Renee Homan, Marketing Director for Vancrest Nursing Home, for membership. Comments re: the nomination may be submitted to Don Hinckley or Randy Elsass.
- In other Board Meeting news, the proposed spousal membership tier was not approved at this time. We're also grateful that Governor Rex added District funding to our Club contribution for Nepal relief
- Robbie Burke asked for volunteers to help with the District Assembly event (St. Marys, 5/16)
- Upcoming Events: sponsorship of the MHS Academic "M's" and the

Annual Banquet (6/11/15)-- invitations have been mailed

- Randy Elsass presented a check to Robbie Burke for the Auglaize County Crisis Center



- Randy also presented a check to Jim Dieringer for Buckeye Boys State, sponsored by the American Legion



Program

Today, we welcomed Lima Rotarian, Chuck Wolfe, who serves as Executive Director of Family Promise of Lima-Allen County--a faith-based agency with community partners, such as Lima Rotary, Lima Chamber of Commerce and over 500 volunteers from local churches. As a group, they are dedicated to helping homeless families achieve/sustain independence, by providing help, hope, and a safe haven as these families seek employment and housing.

Family Promise was founded in 1986 and operates in several states across the country. The agency is

unique in its effort to offer services that allow families to stay together.

As Executive Director of the Lima office, Chuck's group has served 92 families (16 families in 2014). Currently, there are no agencies with a similar purpose in Auglaize County; however, Faith Promise--Lima has partnered with one church in Wapakoneta and is looking for other groups to support this important cause.



Queen of Hearts

Ken Strickland got to draw for the Queen, but came up empty.

Upcoming Programs

5/13 Bill Ruane, MHS Principal

Upcoming Greeters

5/13 Mick Teman
5/20 Linda Vogel
5/27 Jeff Vossler
6/3 John Wale

** 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".

