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Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and Rita Hilty offered the invocation. The Club then recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Song/Birthdays/Guests

Ellen Hunter led the singing of "If You're Happy and You Know It". We also sang "Happy Birthday" to Dick Hudson.

Rotarians Steve Smith (New Bremen) and Susan Brodbeck (Humboldt, TX) were visiting today. Other guests included K.B. Brown and Katherine Buchanan (joining with Susan Brodbeck), as well as Jan Heinrich and Jared Mauch (Daily Standard).

Happy Dollars/Fines

Kraig Noble was happy to Susan Brodbeck (and others) who were fellow classmates from 1965. Ken Strickland was happy to be named to help with polio vaccine distribution (Mexico). VR Steve Smith added his own and Marty Dodrill's dollars for his daughter's sports team (Marty is her godfather). Don Hinckley kicked in for the Rider FB win, Rick Green for a chance at the Queen, Frank Klatt for selling his house so quickly, and Rita Hilty for her grand-daughter's 5th birthday.

Announcements

- Rotary Leadership Institute-- Level 2 training to be held on 11/7/15 at Owens Community College, Findlay. Registration available soon and cost is \$75.
- Jim Heinrich announced that St. Marys was last in the District for Foundation giving --let's try our best to improve
- Our condolences to the family of former St. Marys Rotary member, Ted Stellhorn, who passed away recently

Programs

We were pleased to have two programs today. Toledo Rotarian, Janina Douglas, joined to present information about the Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conference to be held on October 23-24 in Toledo. This conference is being held as a follow-up to the drinking water crisis experienced by ~500,000 Toledo residents in August 2014.



Janina explained that the crisis was caused by an algae problem in the Lake Erie watershed. Although the condition of the drinking water has been resolved for now, a threat of recurring issues still exists. She asked that interested Rotarians consider joining this conference that will also be attended by John Hewko, Secretary General Rotary International, environmentalists, agricultural representatives, and government officials from the United States and Canada.



We were also joined by Rotarian Tim Ryan who presented the program, "End Polio Now". Tim reported that Type 2 polio has been eradicated and type 3 polio has likely been eradicated. Despite this success, Rotary International remains committed to 'finish the

job' by eradicating type 1 polio, as well.

Tim was happy to report that Nigeria has been polio-free since July 2014. Unfortunately, 37 cases have been reported in Afghanistan and Pakistan in 2015. To help fund additional vaccinations, each Rotary member is being asked to contribute at least \$25. The sum of our contributions will then be matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Let's all consider what we can do to help fund this worthwhile program.

Queen of Hearts

Keith Flederjohann got to draw, but no Queen was found.

Upcoming Programs

- 9/16 Gary Levitt, Museum Curator
- 9/23 Scott Stienecker, Polaris/Lifestyle Communities Pavilion

Upcoming Greeters

- 9/16 Travis Elsass
- 9/23 Zach Ferrall
- 9/30 Keith Flederjohann

** 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".

