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Rotary Club No. 3503
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November 4, 2015

Call to Order

President Kathy Sampson opened the meeting and John Kraner offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Guests/Song/Birthdays

Jan Heinrich joined us today, along with Bill Ruane from the high school with seniors Nick Dues, Jenna Perry, Amanda Godinho, Bela Godinho, Forest Baldwin, Dillon Axe and Calob Westerfield. Alex Pittman led the singing of "Rotary, My Rotary." There were no birthdays.

Happy Dollars

Kathy Sampson was happy for Elizabeth's first zero rejection report, Don Hinckley for St. Marys volleyball, Jeff Squire for Bela Godinho visiting, Dick Hudson for his daughters election to her local school board and a Russian group performing at his church, Robbie Burke for DG Gary's and Deb

Newton's club visit, Linda Haines for the same, Hodge Drake for Issue 3's defeat and Otterbein's tree drive to replace dead ash trees, Kraig Noble for all the support at Ed Noble's memorial, Jim Heinrich for MESA's donation from JTDMH and New Bremen fire department, Travis Elsass for Buckeye tickets, and Gary Newton for his last club visit and for Deb being with him today and throughout the visits.

Fines

Travis Elsass did the fines and fined everyone who was still at the same table from when he took his picture: Rick Green, Rita Hilty, and Jeff Squire. He fined everyone who did not go to Ed's memorial, not signed up for the District Conference, and all board members because they get to listen to Gary twice today.

Announcements

Please register for the District Conference, April 49 through May 1 at Cherry Valley. Registration is up on the district website and there will be a discount through November.

Jeff announced that there will be a district foundation points match this year for all newly started Paul Harris Fellowship. Bring your checkbook to the November 18th meeting.

Program

AG Jeff Squire introduced today's speaker. Gary Newton is our District Governor for 2015-2016 and is a proud past president and member of our club. Today is his final club visit of all the clubs in District 6600. Gary has been to 62 clubs already and has been to meetings with seven members all the way up to the crowd in Toledo. He was glad to be home for his final visit.

DG Gary presented a certificate to PP Randy Elsass for our club's support to the "End Polio Now" campaign last year.



DG Gary's address talked about his road to becoming District Governor. He talked about how he was invited to join Rotary three times before he said yes. He asked us all to ask people to join, several times in necessary. He has a goal of 2% membership increase in the district this year.

He talked about being asked to serve on committees and his initial reluctance. He asked us to get new members active in the club's programs.



He talked about how he got more involved with Rotary at the district level and about how much RI can do in the world. RI has been a key to almost eradicating polio from the world, and he asked us each to support the Rotary Foundation and to give to Polio Plus. He talked about how Frank C. Murray showed him what a committed Rotarian can accomplish.

DG Gary's goal this year is "Increase." He hopes that the clubs can increase service with new or expanded programs, increase giving, and expand membership by sharing our experiences with others.

Queen of Hearts

Ellen Hunter won the daily drawing, did her happy dance, and did not draw the queen.

Upcoming Programs

- 11-11 Veterans Day
- 11-18 Rotary Foundation

Upcoming Greeters

- 11-11 Jim Heinrich
- 11-18 Rita Hilty
- 11-25 Don Hinckley
- 12-2 Chris Honefanger

** 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".

