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February 3, 2016

Call to Order

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

Guests/Song/Birthdays

We were joined by Rob Bechtel and Scott Nuttle (guests of Rick Green), Mayor Patrick McGowan (guest of R. Burke), Nancy Burkley (wife of speaker), Danette Riedel (wife of speaker), Justin Rice (guest of speaker), Abby Balster (guest of K. Sampson), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Phil Thomas and Jenna Sittringer (WLIO), Mike Burkholder (Evening Leader).

The following joined from MHS: Asst. Principal John Meinerding, Jared Joseph, Samantha Leach, Josalyn Schamp Jacob Vondrell, Linda Cisco, Katie Freewalt, Chelsey Opasik, Austin Barrett, and Ben Hertenstein.

Kevin Lawler led us in singing "Battle Hymn of the Republic". There were no birthdays to recognize.

Happy Dollars/Fines

In order to save program time for our speakers, happy dollars were postponed until the next meeting. However, Finemaster, Ron Gorby took time to Kevin Lawler for his high school picture (from previous meeting), Alex Pittman for not having his badge, and all members who did not go deep sea fishing and snow skiing in the same week.

Announcements

- President Kathy announced that Literacy Committee's donation of books to the Family Life Center will take place on 2/17/16.
- Dan Burke officiated over the induction of new members, Scott Nuttle and Rob Bechtel--both of whom were recommended by Rick Green. Please welcome Scott and Rob to the family of Rotary.



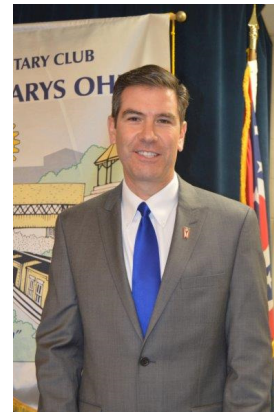
Program

Ellen Hunter introduced Randy Elsass who organized this meeting to allow Tony Burkley and Craig Riedel--candidates for the Ohio House of Representatives 82nd District--to present themselves and debate the issues. This district includes Defiance, Paulding, Van Wert Counties and the northern part of Auglaize County.

Tony Burkley is serving his second term in the Ohio House. He also has more than 40 years of private sector experience with his family's small business and he served as Paulding County Commissioner for 16 years. Tony and his wife Nancy have been married for over 40 years and they reside in Payne.



Craig Riedel is running as the challenger for his first term in the Ohio House. Craig worked over 27 years as an engineer and District Sales Manager for Nucor Vulcraft Group. Craig has been active in his community and decided to run for office after retiring from Nucor. Craig and his wife Danette have been married for over 27 years and now reside in Defiance.



After their opening statements, Tony and Craig answered several questions provided in advance by members of our Club. A wide variety of topics was covered, including the Common Core school curriculum, balancing of the State budget, privatization of Ohio economic development, and Governor Kasich's Presidential campaign while serving as Ohio Governor. Local issues discussed included improvement of U.S.-33 (to Indiana) and funding for expansion of the Armstrong Museum.

When asked about 'pet projects', Tony related the importance of helping applicants develop the skills that businesses require via technical training like the local Tri Star program. Craig also focused on jobs, explaining how Ohio could better compete for new business investments by becoming a "Right to Work" state like Indiana and Michigan.

Queen of Hearts

Robbie Burke drew wrong Queen.

Upcoming Programs

2/10/16 Mayor Patrick McGowan,
2/17/16 John Guagenti, sculptor
2/24/16 Nick Moeller, Brew Barn

Upcoming Greeters

2/10/16 Bob Leugers
2/17/16 Bill Maki
2/24/16 Mike Makley

** 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".

