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Call to Order

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

Guests/Song/Birthdays

We were joined by Connie Torsell, Nivine Albayyari, Joshua Andrews, Heather Jurosic, Jan Heinrich and Chris Noble.

Rita Hilty led the group in "I'm Lookin Over a Four Leaf Clover"

Happy Dollars

Happy Rotarians this week were Bill Maki, Pat Cogan, Linda Haines, Sue Pittman, Kraig Noble, Jeff Squire and Kathy Sampson.

Fines

Randy Elsass was the finemaster and tested the group on March Madness. The first victims were Travis Elsass and Zach Ferral for making fun of Randy's hair. Next up was Sue Pittman and Linda Haines who guessed the men's final four teams. Kraig and Susan guess the ladies team name also correctly. Kevin and Keith guesses the other 3 final four women's teams but guessed wrong. Also fined were Dan, Renee, Jeff and Julie. Dick Hudson was fined for wearing jeans. Ellen was exempt from fines. Group fines for not donating to the crisis center, not registering for the district conference, not wearing your Rotary pin, not appearing solo on WLIO and not going to Costa Rica in the next week.

Announcements

- 12 applicants for Air Camp
- Sign up for District Conference
- Sue Pittman presentation of books for the Literacy for all Ages grant. Books on the topic of grief will go back to the Grand Lake Hospice library.



Program

New programs and building projects topped the conversation as Lake Campus Dean Jay Albayyari addressed members of the St. Marys Rotary Club on Wednesday. Albayyari, who started as dean in July, touted the recent growth at the Lake

Campus as the entity has expanded its offerings to students. While the Lake Campus has a mechanical engineering program, Albayyari announced the school will soon be adding more. "I've been working with the dean of the main campus on another program," Albayyari said. "I'm proud to say starting next fall, we also will be starting an electrical engineering program. It is a big step for Wright State University. It is a big step for a regional campus."

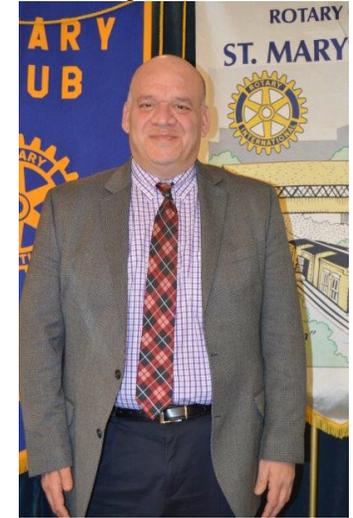
The Lake Campus' nursing program also continues to draw in a large pool of students. That program is in its second year at the facility. "We have a full-blown nursing program," Albayyari said. "We are starting our second year in the fall and we currently have 47 nursing students. "We made the connections," Albayyari said. "We talked with the community. We talked with the main campus ... We all got together and we were all able to accomplish it."

The Lake Campus is in the final preliminary phases of getting its medical program up and running. As part a rural health initiative, the Lake Campus will provide a place students can receive medical training with the hopes they remain in the community after graduation. I am proud to tell you that yesterday (Tuesday), the director who is going to work on the rural health initiative at the Lake Campus accepted the job offer.

Given the affect agriculture has on the local economy, the Lake Campus also plans to expand agriculture offerings. Albayyari said there also are plans to add a water quality component to the agriculture offerings as a way to help Grand Lake St. Marys.

Growth is not limited to academia at the Lake Campus. Albayyari said he places a high value on athletics and the

campus is in a new conference. They will begin to offer partial athletic scholarships to students.



Queen of Hearts

Jim Heinrich got to draw for the Queen, again, but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

4/6/16 Keith Wenning, back-up QB for Cincinnati Bengals

Upcoming Greeters

- April 6 Phil Schumann
- April 13- Brad Seitz
- April 20- Rob Spees
- April 27- Jeff Squire

** 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".

