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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

We were joined by Visiting Rotarian, John Ficorilli, guest of Julie Kraner, along with Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim.

Rita also led the singing--honoring newly-inducted President Ellen with a rendition of "For She's a Jolly Good Leader".

Happy Dollars / Fines

President Ellen was happy for leading her first meeting, Jeff Squire for trip to Arizona and Beth's cookies, Dan Burke as a thank-you for Kathy Sampson's leadership this past year, and Linda Vogel for the planning of the

SummerFest fundraising event with Kiwanis. Kraig Noble kicked in for his new boat and son Jeff's new job as pilot for UPS, Frank Klatt for his visit with Marv Buehler, Ron Gorby for two weeks in Florida, Linda Haines for the first hug from her grandchild, Don Hinckley for 33rd wedding anniversary. Jim Heinrich gave his happy dollar while providing a summary of articles from the latest "Rotarian".

Finemaster, Ron Gorby declared Kathy Sampson and Frank Klatt exempt for having visited Marv Buehler. Randy Elsass was fined for being a Donald Trump look-a-like. Group fine for those who had not taken a recent trip to Florida. He also encouraged all members to take time to visit Marv Buehler.

Announcements

- Linda Vogel passed sign-up lists for SummerFest and Pancake Breakfast
- Rotary shirts available for order
- Minutes from today's Board meeting to be distributed shortly
- To re-take pictures for the Directory, see Rebecca Regnet
- See Ellen if you can host Rotary exchange student this year
- Keith Fledderjohann asking for dues

Program

President Ellen opened the Club Assembly meeting by recognizing new Board members, Alisher Khudaykulov, Bev Wilker, and Zach Ferrall.



Borrowing from past R.I. President, Gary Huang, Ellen announced that one of her philosophies for this next year is to recognize that the work of Rotary is "Serious...Not Solemn"--tackling the important mission of Rotary, but having fun in doing so.



Ellen assured us that she will certainly support the traditional Rotary programs and activities, but is excited about several new ventures, as well. These include starting a new meeting opportunity on 2nd & 4th Thursdays, called "Gears & Cheers"—a chance for new members to 'try-out' Rotary, and for current members to make-up and meet in a more informal setting. She also wants to sponsor a new Interact Club through Grand Lake Christian Academy (different than Rotaract).

She went on to explain plans to allocate money for constructing walkways at the Coldwater Creek and for a radar system to be used for next year's Carp Derby. In addition, we're planning joint billboard advertising for our Club and other local Rotary Clubs.

Ellen also expressed the desire to conduct even more events that can strengthen the "Family of Rotary". She is kicking off this effort by hosting a family party at her house on 7/15/16. In addition to the customary Halloween and Kid's Christmas events, she also plans some new events--including a bowling party and

Rotary family night at the Dayton Dragons game (9/2/16).

We also have some new opportunities to give back to the local community, such as donating Hog Raffle proceeds to the local food bank and enhancing Rotary Park--perhaps with a chain-saw sculpture by artist (and recent presenter), John Guagenti.

Ellen concluded by explaining how her skills and abilities fall short of many past Presidents and Club members. Nonetheless, she promises to uphold our most important traditions and to lead us in several new directions. Those who know Ellen well are expecting great things and know that 2016-17 will be anything but boring. Please offer your best support for all that Ellen plans for our Club in the year ahead.

Queen of Hearts

Bev Wilker's number was drawn, but the Queen is still hiding.

Upcoming Programs

7/20/16 Janine Oman, OSU
7/27/16 Tri-Star ballot issue
8/3/16 Jenna Siffringer, WLIO
8/10/16 Congressman Jim Jordan

Upcoming Greeters

7/20/16 Trisha Barnes
7/27/16 Allen Baskett
8/3/16 Dan Burke
8/10/16 Joe Burke

The meeting was adjourned after recitation of the "Four Way Test".

** Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

