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### Call to Order

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

### Guests / Song / Birthdays

Our guests included Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim, Kim Obringer, Kathy Bayless and Keith Jacobs all guests of Ellen Hunter, Milt Miltner (per Milt an uninvited guest), and visiting Rotarian John Hill from the Vermillion Club.

Jeff Squire led the Club in the singing of "All Hail to Rotary." There were no birthdays.

### Happy Dollars / Fines

Pres. Ellen was happy/sad that it was her son's 1<sup>st</sup> day of 1<sup>st</sup> grade, Kraig Noble was happy Wes Protsman was being inducted to Rotary today, Robbie Burke was happy Jim made the trip to speak, Bill Makey for his

recent travels, Linda Vogel for all the help during Summerfest and those that bought the leftovers, Kevin Lawler for Wes being inducted today, Alex Pittman for Sue's upcoming retirement, Milt Miltner for dear friends, Kevin Wolfe for kids showing pigs at fair and a reminder of the car wash for seniors on August 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Jim Heinrich was happy that District Gov Do Nguyen will be coming in 2 weeks to speak.

Tami Sanford did the fining today. Kevin Lawler, Dick Hudson, Mike Makley, Keith Fledderjohann, Renee Homan, Bob Leugers all missed his or her trivia question, while Bev Wilker was correct. She also fined Kevin again, the Sergeant at arms committee, anyone wearing shorts, and anyone that did not work a shift at Summerfest.

### Announcements / Presentations

- President Ellen thanked everyone that helped with Gears & Cheers, Supper & Sounds and Summerfest.
- President Ellen reminded everyone of Waynestock and thanked those that signed up for Kids Zone.
- President Ellen also presented a \$500 check to Keith Jacobs for Waynestock.
- President Ellen presented the donations to Kathy Bayless for Agape which included 3 hogs, \$500 donation and 350 food items.
- Dan Burke then came up to induct Wes Protsman as a new member. Wes was sponsored by Kraig Noble.



### Program

Dan Burke started the program by showing a video of RI President John Germ. Pres. Germ explained that joining Rotary is an opportunity to change lives. He stated the opportunity is greater than ever and the membership growth depends on each of us. Make membership a priority and ask, ask, ask. Upon completion of the video Dan Burke introduced John Hill from the Vermillion Club and Membership Chair for District 6600. Mr. Hill opened up the program by telling a story about his nephew and the moral of his story was "Uncle John, it's not all about YOU." And Mr. Hill then explained that Rotary is not all about me or you, but about what we do for the world. Rotary is about saving lives, helping starving kids, providing clothing and literacy and so many life changing services.

Mr. Hill then went on to talk about membership and its importance.



Mr. Hill spoke about his past club experiences and the culture that sometimes deterred membership. He explained how his membership drive worked. The club was broken up into teams and the competition encouraged members to be involved. The Rotarian that brought in the first new member received a gift card. The culture changed and the competition helped identify new members. They increased membership by 14 new members. He reminded everyone that the #1

thing is to ASK people to be new members. Mr. Hill then asked Robbie to role play. Kathy Bayless and Robbie did a great job. Robbie invited Kathy to a meeting as well as ASKING Kathy to be a new member. Mr. Hill then thanked all of us for allowing him to speak and reminded us to keep asking for new members and "No" really means "Not Yet". Dan Burke then came up to explain the new Rotary Membership Program. Dan described that the club will be divided into groups for a competition and President Ellen has set up a competition with the Celina Club as well. There will be more to come on the member drive and it will kick off in September. He encouraged everyone to think of new potential members. Membership was around 77 when Dan was president and currently we are at 61 so he encouraged all of us to focus on increasing membership.

### Queen of Hearts

Bev Wilker drew for the Queen, but could not find her.

### Upcoming Programs

8/24/16 Doug Frye, MHS Football  
8/31/16 District Governor,  
Do Nguyen

### Upcoming Greeters

8/24/16 Susan Crotty  
8/31/16 Renee Homan  
9/7/16 Tim Dicke  
9/14/16 Hodge Drake

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.**

