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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Visitors included Howard Overman, Andrew Wilson, and Jeff Mustard. Emily Gallaspie (guest of Scott Nuttle), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Steve Mielke (guest of Robbie Burke).

Jeff Squire led the singing of "Rotary My Rotary" with a little help from Ellen...



Happy Dollars

Our Happy Rotarians today included Ellen Hunter, Travis Elsass, Jeff Squire, Bev Welker, Robbie Burke, Julir Kraner, Kraig Noble, John Wale, Joe Burke, Randy Elsass, Sue Pittmen, Dan Burke, Jim Heinrich, Don Hinkley, and Gayl Masonbrink.

Fines

Phil Schumann handed out today's fines. His victims today included Pat Cogan, Alex Pittman, Ellen Hunter, Zack Ferrall, Robbie Burke, Don Hinkley, and anyone who didn't watch the baseball game or is still wining about OSU's loss last Saturday.

Announcements/Presentations

- Ellen thanked everyone that came out and helped with the Halloween parade on Tuesday.



- Auglaize County Crisis Center donations warmed Ellen's heart today... Well done!
- Auction items need to be in for our auction on Nov. 2nd
- Gears and cheers at JT's at 6pm.
- Paint for Polio on Dec 2nd. See Ellen or Dan Hosek for more info.
- Help needed for Day of Caring on the 29th.
- Veterans Day in 2 weeks...bring a vet!



Rotary made a check presentation today to Milt Miller for the LIA. Keep up the good work Milt!



The Rotary Club was also presented with its "End Polio" Banner today.

Program

Howard Overman, Interim Superintendent at St Marys Schools was our guest speaker today. Howard spoke of his history and experience in education beginning with his graduation from Marion Local High School in 1976, to the University of Dayton, playing football at UD, and 36 years in the education field which included teaching, coaching, athletic director, assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, then finally Superintendent at New Bremen Schools. He retired in 2015, did some sales for a while, then was asked to come to St Marys as the interim Superintendent.



Howard shared his enthusiasm with the St Marys School system. He was impressed with the number of faculty and administration that were from the St Marys community. He spoke of the strength of the school, and the character of the students he has observed both in athletics and academics. He said that 83% of the students at St Marys high school were

involved in some form of extra curricular activity.

Although the schools state report card need to improve, he sees opportunity for that improvement. He sees a need for help in getting students past what he calls "social barriers". He said the the ESSA program needs to have local control and urged residents to reach out to our legislators and share that concern.

Howard answered a few questions...

Q: How is his position here different from previous responsibilities?

A: He said he's not approaching this position any differently than past jobs.

Q: Why have so many schools in Ohio fallen short on their state report cards?

A: Changes in testing & frequency. Need to be some adjustments made to better reflect what is actually being taught.

Q: What one thing would you propose be done in our community?

A: More local control. Our staff loves what they do, and knows best what our students and the community needs.

Q: What about the new stadium?
A: No decision at this time.

Queen of Hearts

Beth Noneman drew for the Queen, but the Queen lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 11/2/16 "FUNdraiser" Auction
- 11/9/16 Veteran's Day

Upcoming Greeters

- 10/26/16 Linda Haines
- 11/2/16 Don Hinkley
- 11/9/16 Kevin Harlan
- 11/16/16 Jim Heinrich

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

