



THE COG

Rotary Club No. 3503

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January 18, 2017

Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests included Ned Lawler and Janice, health coach (guests of Kevin Lawler), Mike Burkholder (guest of Kraig Noble), Christine Shelby (guest of Julie Kraner), Dillon Staas and Lori Martensen (guests of President Ellen), Rick Buelher (guest of Ron Gorby), and Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim). Guests from local news media included William Kincaid from the Daily Standard, Katie Honigford, WLIO Lima, and Angie Klosterman from the Evening Leader.

Kraig led the singing of "Old McDonald" and "Happy Birthday" to Kevin Lawler.

Happy Dollars / Fines

Ellen gave a happy dollar for a family ski trip. Dan Hosek is happy for his first Gears & Cheers meeting, Ali gave back happy dollars for his Queen of Hearts win, Zach announced his happy dollar donation for the June 2-4 Carp Challenge, Don Hinckley gave a happy dollar to cheer on St. Marys against Elida. Frank Klatt is happy to be headed to Florida, Dan Burke is happy about all the new Rotary members as we head into the second half of our member drive. Kevin Lawler is happy for his health and salutes his health coach and guest, Janice. Gary Newton is "happy" for his upcoming Rotary trip to Mongolia. We wish him sunshine and warmth.

Travis Elsass levied fines related to our knowledge and experience with presidential inaugurations. Our knowledge was solid, but there were no "pardons or protests" and generally we were all fined for not attending the 2017 event.



Announcements / Presentations

- Ellen announced the mid-way point for our new member drive and encouraged us all to keep looking for new members.
- We had great attendance at last week's Gears & Cheers at J.T.'s (2nd & 4th Thursdays at 6:00 PM) with 10 people in attendance. All

members and guests are welcome.

- Next "Family of Rotary" event at North YMCA with Celina Club (5:15 PM, Sat, 1/28/17)—games, swimming & dinner provided—bring spouses/kids/grandkids.

Program

Kraig Noble introduced our Rotary speaker for January 18, 2017.



Our speaker, Dr. Steven Boehmfeldt is the director of Isaiah 61 a Christian counseling center located in The Gathering Place building on Spring Street. Dr. Boehmfeldt has had many careers, notably; serving as Ronald Reagan's chef. He came to St. Marys two years ago to serve out God's purpose for his life.

Dr. Boehmfeldt's culinary career achievements include:

- Degrees from the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park and Cornell University
- The Professional Chef's Association youngest member inducted at age 21
- Honors and awards for his "carvings" including a carving of The White House – 1985, a hand-crafted structure using over 300 pounds of white chocolate.

Dr. Boehmfeldt was hired by Nancy Reagan because she wanted to achieve a new standard of exceptional food and service quality to dignitaries. He shared his experiences in the Reagan White House.



Despite his success in the food service industry, in 1991, Dr. Boehmfeldt experienced a series of pivotal events. He found his birth mother, got divorced and his adoptive mother dies. He turned these tragedies into a new vocation. He traded in his knives for a new recipe for success.

Queen of Hearts

The COG writer can't remember who drew the winning number; she does know the queen lives!

Upcoming Programs

- 1/25/17 Judge Pepple, Common Pleas Court, Auglaize County
- 2/1/17 Mike Bartell, author, "Orbit of Discovery (all-Ohio Space Shuttle Mission)
- 2/8/17 Mark Schemmel, Ohio Wildlife Officer

Upcoming Greeters

- 1/25/17 Shawn Brown
- 2/1/17 Kevin Lawler
- 2/8/17 Bob Leugers

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

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

