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Rotary Club No. 3503

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### Call to Order

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

### Guests / Song / Birthdays

Guests today included Mike Burkholder (guest of Kraig Noble), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), Jon Sell (Guest of Dan Burke), and Lori Martinsen (Guest of Ellen Hunter).

Kevin led us in song today as we all sang "My Country Tis of Thee".

### Happy Dollars / Fines

Our Happy Rotarians today included Dan Burke, Beth Noneman, Randy Elsass, Don Hinkley, Rita Hilty, and Kevin Lawler.

Phil Schumann levied the fines today. Those who judged guilty and

fined today included Dan & Joe Burke, Kevin Lawler, Ellen Hunter, Robbie Burke, Jeff Squire, and anyone who has had to appear in Judge Pepple's Court.



Not really sure how to caption this picture. Let's just say Kevin was expressing his appreciation, admiration, respect, or something like that to a fellow Rotarian who shall remain nameless for his own protection. Jeff and Ellen seemed just a little uncomfortable.

### Announcements / Presentations

- Ellen shared the new white board showing our progress. We have just passed the mid-way point for our new member drive and encouraged us all to keep up the good work in our drive for new members.
- 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.
- We have a Board meeting next week, plus elections of officers so everyone is encouraged to attend next week's Rotary Club meeting.

### Program

Kraig Noble introduced our guest speaker for today. Auglaize County Common Pleas Judge Frederick Pepple.

Judge Pepple is a Republican and the General Division judge on

the Auglaize County Court of Common Pleas in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

Judge Pepple received his undergraduate degree from Bowling Green State University and his J.D. from the Claude W. Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University. From 1978 to 1985, he was a general practice attorney in Wapakoneta and Waynesfield. This overlapped with this time as a prosecuting attorney in Auglaize County from 1981 to 1986. He has served as our Auglaize County Common Pleas Court Judge since 1987, over 30 years!



The Court of Common Pleas handles all felony criminal cases, and civil cases of all kinds as well as appeals from state agencies.

Judge Pepple commented about the value of our two party system, he praised the jury system and appreciated the willingness of citizens to serve in the court process.

He spoke about the "Truth", and the issues that impact our area and our communities. He spoke about the challenge of determining what is the truth and that sometime

what we see and hear is only part of the truth, but not the whole truth.



He addressed the increase in opioid deaths, directing some of the blame on the medical community for over proscribing those medications, giving prescriptions in doses much greater than needed at times and he encouraged parents to talk to their kids more about drugs and the dangers of even trying them just once.

### Queen of Hearts

Keith Fledderjohann drew the winning number today, alas... the Queen lives!

### Upcoming Programs

2/1/17 Mike Bartell, author, "Orbit of Discovery (all-Ohio Space Shuttle Mission)

2/8/17 Mark Schemmel, Ohio Wildlife Officer

### Upcoming Greeters

2/1/17 Kevin Lawler

2/8/17 Bob Leugers

2/15/17 Bill Maki

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

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

