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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

District Governor, Do Nguyen, joined today's meeting. Guests included Melissa Smalley (Rita Hilty), Abby Balster (Robbie Burke), Jason Elsass (Randy), Mary Cogan (Pat), and Jan Heinrich (Jim), and Andrew Wilson (Evening Leader).

Kraig led the singing of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow"; no Rotarians with birthdays were present.

Happy Dollars / Fines

John Coe was happy for Celina beating St. Marys, Chas. Richtmyer for U-C men's B-ball team & Randy Elsass for son's return from Denver and for anyone who might give him

a lead on getting a job. Travis Elsass added dollars for a training opportunity in St. Louis. Pat Cogan was grateful for 40 years of Rotary friendships, Rita Hilty for having her boss, Melissa Smalley, in attendance & Rev. Bill Maki for his trip to Florida. Jim Heinrich for DG Do Nguyen's visit, for Gary Newton's return from Mongolia, and for District Conference & Rotary International Peace Conf.

Ron Gorby fined those w/o badges, including Rebecca Regnet, Zach Ferrall & Dan Hosek (pretty sneaky, Ron). Out of respect for their 40-years of membership, Ron reduced John Coe's & Pat Cogan's fines to 40 cents. Ron auctioned more of his fish—raised \$60 for scholarship fund (Jeff Squire won).

Announcements / Presentations

- Former DG Gary Newton gave us a Rotary flag from Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He visited several large hospitals and returned with an idea for a new mission project
- John Sell (Biggby Coffee) and Abby Balster (St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce) have been nominated for membership; comments may be provided to President Ellen or Don Hinckley
- We had a unique opportunity to recognize 40-year membership anniversaries for Pat Cogan and John Coe. Thank you so much for your long service!!



- Kraig Noble led the induction of new member, Lori Martensen (nominated by President Ellen)



- New member orientation: 5:45 PM, 2/27 at J.T.'s—all welcome
- Explained MESA project appeal for donations of used medical equipment & supplies. Member donations of personal items, such as blankets, clothing, household items, educational materials, etc. are also welcome (see Dan Hosek or President Ellen)
- District 6600 Conference set for 5/19-5/21, Sawmill Creek Resort

Program

Today's program was presented by Mark Schemmel, State Wildlife Officer for Auglaize County. With an Associate degree in wildlife management, Mark was initially assigned to Adams County before returning to Auglaize County.



In his job, Mark is responsible for protecting local wildlife and enforcing laws and regulations. He related that, in many ways, his position entails situations similar to those portrayed in TV wildlife programs.

Mark went on to share the story of the bald eagle in Ohio. When monitoring of the eagle population began in 1979, there were only four nesting pairs in Ohio. By 2014, there were over 200 known nesting pairs with 347 young eagles. Today, eagles can be found in all 88 counties of the State. As a result, bald eagles have been 'de-listed' as an endangered species—a great success story.

Eagles typically reside near wetlands and feed on fish, small mammals, and carrion. Nesting pairs share the duties of raising young chicks that take nearly five years to fully mature with the characteristic white head and tail feathers. With a wing-span of 6-7 feet, it's easy to see why this majestic bird became one of our national symbols.

Queen of Hearts

Kraig Noble got to draw for the Queen, but she was not found.

Upcoming Programs

- 2/15/17 Stacy Perkins, Boy Scouts
- 2/22/17 Douglas Craig, fire safety
- 3/1/17 Jake Meinerding, new City water treatment plant
- 3/8/17 Morgan Paul, St. Marys Community Public Library

Upcoming Greeters

- 2/15/17 Bob Leugers
- 2/22/17 Mike Makley
- 3/1/17 Gayle Masonbrink
- 3/8/17 Kraig Noble

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

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

