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Rotary Club No. 3503

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March 1, 2017

Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Our guests today included Andrew Augsberger, guest of Jeff Squire, Lora Krugh and Sue Sherman, guests of Ellen Hunter, Al and Janet Meinerding, guests of the speaker, Jeff Thompson, Paul Swartz, Kelly Jutte, Craig Moeller and Greg Foxhoven, all guests of Mike Burkholder, Jan Heinrich, guest of Jim Heinrich, and our Memorial High School visiting seniors Kennedy Kantner, Riley Wilson, Leigha Gilbert, Makayla Koch, Caleigh Christman, Ethan

Linger and Hanna Felver with John Meinerding.

Kraig Noble led the Club in the poor singing of "Down by the Old Millstream."

Happy Dollars / Fines

Don Hinckley was happy that the big tree that fell down across his driveway missed the power lines, Wes Protsman for no discernable reason, Travis Elsass for the District Conference coming up, Dan Burke for the orientation, Jeff Squire for his guest being here, Allen Baskett for the shoe campaign at the Y, Bev Wilker for the 4-Way speech and essay contest contestants, and Julie Kraner for the power not being out for too long

Phil Schuman did the fines today. He fined Abby Balster for her shoes, anyone with beads left, Kevin Lawler not knowing Mardi Gras, and everyone who did not read the Rotarian article on water.

Announcements / Presentations

- The club is having Agriculture Day on March 22. Invite a farmer to lunch.
- Pres. Ellen thanked everyone who went to the Orientation, especially Dan Burke and his committee.
- Jeff Squire announced that Wes Protsman, Kevin Wolfe and Julie Kraner would be joining the Board for Rotary year 2017-2018.
- Pres. Ellen passed around the almost final proof for the Directory. Please double check your page.
- Pres. Ellen presented our literacy project to Sue Sherman and Lora Krugh.



Induction

Dan Burke inducted Abby Balster as our newest member. Abby is the Executive Director for the St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce.



Program

Kraig Noble introduced today's speaker. Jake Meinerding is a St. Marys native and is currently the project manager for the city's new water treatment plant. Jake works for Jones & Henry Engineers, LTD.



Jake is the lead design engineer in charge of getting the water out of the Taeyes River and into the distribution system. Jake went over some of the issues with the existing plant and showed the new facility's plans. It is a \$21,000,000.00 project.

When completed, the capacity will be 2.4 million gallons per day. Current usage averages about 1.2 million gallons, so there is plenty of capacity, and the new site south of town allows for even more expansion. The new plant should be online in the Fall of 2019.

Queen of Hearts

Wes Protsman got to draw for the Queen, but pulled a joke and had to share with Jim Heinrich.

Upcoming Programs

- 3-8 Morgan Paul -- Library
- 3-15 Don Kemp -- Lima Ethanol Plant
- 3-22 Ag Day
- 3-29 Four Way Speech

Upcoming Greeters

- 3-8 Kraig Noble
- 3-15 Alex Pittman
- 3-22 Sue Pittman
- 3-29 Kevin Wolfe

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.**

