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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

Visiting Rotarians, Kurt Meier (Sidney) and Michael Galbraith (Toledo) joined today. Guests included Megan Burke (guest of Dan), Jan Heinrich (guest of Jim), and Sydney Albert (Daily Standard).

Kevin Lawler led the singing of "All Rotary" and "Happy Birthday" to Jeff Vossler.

Happy Dollars / Fines

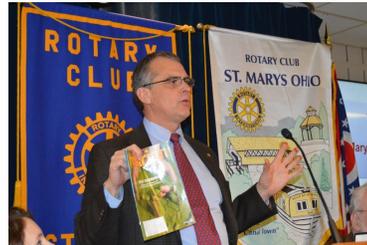
Sue Pittman was happy for St. Marys Library staff joining, Dan Burke for his daughter and Mr. Galbraith joining, Jeff Squire for Lima Flute Choir Concert (Jeff is to perform). Randy Elsass added to

the 'pot' for his son's new job, Jeff Vossler for getting extra Rotary magazines from members, and Mike Makley for an upcoming trip.

Finemaster, Randy Elsass fined Alex Pittman for sitting with his wife, Pres. Ellen for not spreading student guests throughout room, Wes Protsman for no happy dollar after drawing for Queen, and Abby Balster to 'welcome' her as new member. Group fines caught those who had not taken a walk outdoors today, those without son who got recent job, and those not wearing something from Australia.

Announcements / Presentations

- Michael Galbraith asked us to stay aware of clean water issues—in Ohio and across globe, and to join Lake Erie Water Conference (3/31/17 in Perrysburg)



- President Ellen asked members to review, add changes to draft copy of Club Directory
- Condolences voiced for Alisher Khudaykulov whose father passed; and best wishes for Dick Hudson's recovery from illness
- Accepting donations of medical equipment, supplies, blankets, clothing, educational materials, household items, and cash for MESA (see Dan H. or Pres. Ellen)
- Thanks to Kathy Bayless for baskets, Gayle Masonbrink for publicity & Literacy Committee for giving 'literacy baskets' to

over 550 primary school students for National Reading Month.

- Agriculture Day on 3/22/17; agriculture guests are welcome
- Robbie Burke announced next 'act of kindness' to gather new or gently used baby shower items for family in need

Program

March is National Reading Month, so it was very appropriate to have Morgan Paul, Director of the St. Marys Community Public Library, and staff members, Beth Keuneke, Angela Karen & Rachel Bergman present today's program.



We recognize that Library resources go beyond the traditional books, magazines, and newspapers to include books on tape, C.D.'s, e-books, audiobooks, and videos. For some time, the Library has also provided a computer lab, giving residents access to computers, printers, and Internet resources.

Morgan admitted that, for libraries to remain relevant, they need to be a place to learn and to meet others with similar interests. In order to meet this objective, the Library is developing many new programs and activities, such as "Learn @ Your Library", providing a wide range of opportunities to acquire life-help skills, meet visiting authors, and learn more about local history, genealogy, arts

and crafts, as well as hobbies and do-it-yourself topics.

For some time, our youth have enjoyed the summer reading program and "Pre-School Story Time". More recent additions include interactive programs like the Lego Club, "Touch the Truck", and "Build a Better World"—a challenge for kids to build an object from recycled materials.

The Library is also evolving as a source of information on new technologies. With its new 3-D printer, the Library now offers related instructional programs.

The Library is working hard to meet the needs of the community. For more information, feel free to access their website, quarterly newsletter, and calendar of events.

Queen of Hearts

Gary Newton won \$16 with his draw, but the Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 3/15/17 Don Kemp, Lima Ethanol Plant
- 3/22/17 Agriculture Day, Wapak green-house facility
- 3/29/17 Four-Way Speech
- 4/5/17 Jackie Vossler (wife of Wes Protsman), Board of Smithsonian Libraries

Upcoming Greeters

- 3/15/17 Alex Pittman
- 3/22/17 Sue Pittman
- 3/29/17 Kevin Wolfe
- 4/5/17 Phil Schumann

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

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

