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Rotary Club No. 3503

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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 Mike Wilker (Bev Wilker), Tom, RJ and Valarie Largent, Jan Heinrich (Jim), Mark Dues, Julie Baldwin, Jack Wolfcale, John Bush, Jim Schloemer, Andrew Wilson, Ed Gebert and several students from Holy Rosary School.

Jeff Squire led the singing of "Rotary my Rotary".

Happy Dollars / Fines

President Ellen was happy that the club won non-profit of the year at the Chamber banquet, Jeff Squire was happy to attend training, Dan Hosek was happy for the MESA campaign and donations, Bill Maki

was happy about Northwestern and Michigan State making the tournament, Abby Balster was happy that the chamber banquet was over, Gary Newton for the chance at the Queen and training over the weekend, Robbie Burke was happy for Holy Rosary students attending Rotary and the crisis center donations, Wes Prostman for Spring, Rita Hilty was happy about Otterbein's Balance clinic, Kevin Lawler for the Distracted Driver Training, Jim Heinrich for his daughter Sharon being selected for the Rotary Interface Choir.

Bev Wilker fined Dan Burke, Kathy Bayless, Linda Haines, Kevin Lawler for their incorrect answers to March Madness trivia and group fines were handed out to anyone that hasn't invited a farmer to next week's program and didn't fill out their March Madness bracket or for not choosing West Virginia to win.

Announcements / Presentations

- President Ellen asked members to review/add/change the copy of Club Directory.
- Mark Ernst (St. Marys Chief of Police) has been nominated for membership; comments may be provided to President Ellen or Don Hinckley
- President Ellen reminded that we are still accepting donations for MESA (see Dan H. or Pres. Ellen)
- Ag Day on 3/22/17; agriculture guests are welcome
- Pres. Ellen encouraged everyone to bring baby shower items for Crisis Center.
- Bev Wilker announced the 4 way test participants: Michael Baldwin, Jennifer Bayham, Robert Bayham, Rami Casebolt,

Jadin Davis, Abigail Largent, Brandon Miller, Dakota Moore, Joel Mueller, Ellen Scholemer, Cory Sullivan and Scott Waden. Winners for the 4 way test essay contest were Abigail Largent (3rd place and received \$50), Michael Baldwin (2nd place and received \$75) and Ellen Scholemer (1st place and received \$100 and will compete at the District competition).



Program

Jeff Squire introduced our speaker Jack Wolfcale from Guardian's Lima ethanol plant. Mr. Wolfcale is the plant manager at the Lima plant.



Mr. Wolfcale spoke about Guardian as well as the ethanol process and their products. The Lima facility has over 100 trucks coming in and out of their facility on a daily basis. The Lima facility uses 23 million bushels of corn annually which makes about 66 million gallons of ethanol and the plant is supplied by 11 surrounding counties. He explained that 56 pounds of corn makes 3 gallons of ethanol, 15 pounds of DGD and 1 1/2 cups of corn oil. The Lima plant

processes about 400 acres of corn per day and has about 976 farm customers and 64 commercial customers. The Lima plant competes for the local corn and he explained that the Guardian plant out west has more corn supply and his explanation "the plant out west has corn coming out of their ears".

Mr. Wolfcale also spoke about the process from corn to ethanol and discussed the many corn quality issues that will affect their final products each year. Mr. Wolfcale spoke about the fermentation tanks, heat exchangers, CO2 scrubbers, lab quality control process, distillation basics and their drying process. Mr. Wolfcale answered several questions at the end and addressed how Guardian has updated technology and become a very efficient ethanol plant in Lima.

Queen of Hearts

Joe Burke drew for the Queen but the Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 3/22/17 Ag Day, Prenger Farming
- 3/29/17 Current Lake Issues
- 4/5/17 Jackie Vossler, Board of Smithsonian Libraries
- 4/12/17 Dwight Bowers, District Rotarian/Polio Plus

Upcoming Greeters

- 3/22/17 Sue Pittman
- 3/29/17 Kevin Wolfe
- 4/5/17 Phil Schumann
- 4/12/17 Brad Seitz

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

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

