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Call to Order

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

Guests / Song / Birthdays

We had a long list of guests today. They included 4-Way Speech Contestants Kayle Long, Audrah Wott, Miles Geurkink, and Chad Noe; their parents, Kelly Long, Ann Wott, Becky Noe; and their teachers: Deb Tobin (Grand Lake Christian) and Tracy Anderson (St. Marys Memorial High School). Guest of Jake Sutton, Mark Ernst, was inducted later in the March 29 meeting.

In addition, Ed Gebert from the Daily Standard attended.

Alex Pittman then led the singing of "Rotary, My Rotary."

Happy Dollars / Fines

Our Happy Rotarians today included Ellen Hunter, Rebecca Regnet, Randy Elsass, Wes Protsman, Phil Schumann, Travis Elsass, and Jake Sutton.

Phil Schumann handled fines today and all fines related to March as a lion or a lamb – highs and lows in St. Marys unpredictable March weather.

Announcements / Presentations

- Ellen noted the largest ever Gears & Cheers at JT's. Speaker Gary Newton shared his experience traveling to Mongolia.
- Ellen noted the success of Ag Day at Rotary. Bev Wilker did an amazing job with guests and made the table decorations at our tables. Thank You Bev!
- The MESA trailer was loaded this week. Ellen gives a big shout out to all Rotarians who contributed and to Dan Hosek who assisted with the project.
- New member, Mark Ernst, was inducted by Dan Burke. His sponsor, Jake Sutton, now gets to spend even a bit more time with his manager – on the job and at Rotary!



- Thanks to Bev Wilker for managing today's presentation of the 4-Way Speech Contest. Bev has had two very busy weeks!

Presentation

Today's program featured four contestants from Grand Lake Christian High School and St. Marys Memorial High School competing for the opportunity to compete on April 8 in Van Wert at the District Rotary Competition.

The 5-7 minute speeches, which included elements of the Rotary 4 Way Test, were judged by a panel consisting of Gary Newton, Tricia Barnes, Kevin Wolfe, and Robbie Burke.



Contestant Number 1, Miles Guerking, shared his love of bull riding in his speech. Contestant Number 2, Audrah Wott spoke about her passion for dance. Contestant Number 3, Chad Noe spoke about gun control. Contestant Number 4, Kayle Long, advocated for the civil rights of the LGBTQ community.



The winner of the 4 Way Speech Contest of the St. Marys Rotary is Kayle Long of St. Marys Memorial High School. She was awarded \$150 in prize money and will compete in April.



Queen of Hearts

Kathy Bayless got to draw for the Queen today. But the Queen still lives.

Upcoming Programs

- 4/5/17 Jackie Vossler, Board of Smithsonian Libraries
- 4/12/17 Dwight Bowers, District Rotarian/Polio Plus

Upcoming Greeters

- 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.

